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Cash crisis Tories forced to fight polls on a shoestring

Low morale threatens to cost Major dear as funds for local and Euro elections hit overdraft limit



Sir Norman: diverting funds for the European campaign

By Nicholas Wood
Chief Political Correspondent

JOHN Major will be forced to fight on a shoestring budget in the local council and European elections that are critical to his survival as Prime Minister.

Senior Conservatives said yesterday that the party would have far less than the £1 million it spent five years ago when Margaret Thatcher launched her doomed crusade against the Brussels bureaucracy.

The indications are that for the first time in modern electoral history, Labour will not be financially outgunned. It spent just over £400,000 centrally in 1989 and is poised to fight the June 9 Euro-poll on an equal footing with the Tories.

One Tory source said: "Money is a big problem. There is no slush fund, and we cannot borrow another million. We are right up against our overdraft limit."

The cash crisis, due to a slump in morale among party activists, has forced a drastic reworking of the campaign for the council elections on May 5 and the European poll. In contrast to 1989, when Central Office spent heavily on a nationwide anti-Brussels poster campaign, funds will be concentrated on the 87 Euro-constituencies.

Under electoral law, a ceiling of around £30,000 applies locally to each candidate for a Euro-seat. This sum is still big enough, however, for Sir Norman Fowler, the party chairman, to divert some money from the centre. Conservative MEPs have received around £440,000 from the European Parliament this year to promote its work, but this cannot be used for campaigning and cannot be spent after February 9.

"We'd rather a constituency spent £10,000 on keeping its agent in place or a couple of leaflet drops than put the money towards a page of advertising in a national newspaper," a source said.

Neither Mr Major nor Sir Norman, however, intends to give up without a fight. Central Office will move to a war footing well before the elections for district councils and London boroughs, and party chiefs are treating the two elections as a single campaign.

They concede that they have been blown off course by the uproar over back to basics and taxation, but intend to go on the offensive as soon as the dust settles. "What we want is the Labour Party voting against us clause after clause in the Criminal Justice Bill, attacking us over deregulation, along with the steady drip of good economic news," an insider said.

In 1989 the Tories lost 13 seats on a vote split of Labour 40 per cent, Conservatives 35 per cent. With their support now under 30 per cent in the opinion polls, Mr Major faces another drubbing, and some projections suggest that his party will be reduced to a rump of around a dozen seats.

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Missing links still blight Channel line

The troubled Channel tunnel rail link faces continued opposition and uncertainty despite the efforts of planners to deflect the level of protest

By Tim Jones and Jonathan Prynn

THE route for the £3 billion Channel tunnel high-speed rail link was unveiled at last yesterday. But even so, uncertainty remained both on its path and its funding.

The 68-mile line from Folkestone will run to St Pancras, instead of King's Cross as had been widely expected, and a quarter of it will be in tunnels. But the final route of two key sections — at Ashford and Pepper Hill in Kent — has still not been decided and may not be known for three months.

Announcing the route, John MacGregor told MPs that substantial public money would be available for the project — which the Government has always insisted should be financed privately. But he did not tell MPs how much the Government was willing to spend, and later refused to be drawn on suggestions that it could be as much as £1.5 billion.

Besides the need for further consultations on Ashford and Pepper Hill, the siting of an intermediate station to serve the M25 also remains undecided. Mr MacGregor favours Ebbsfleet in Kent over Stratford or Rainham in Essex, but the choice will depend on which group comes up with the best financial package.

The Transport Secretary's failure to resolve these questions prompted a ferocious attack from his Labour counterpart, Frank Dobson, who declared: "The dither and blight continue."

The Government had utterly failed to meet the legitimate demands of people and organisations affected by the link. "There are still doubts about the intermediate stations; proper environmental protection has not been guaranteed; compensation terms are still not fair to all concerned; all the blight has not been lifted; and the necessary funds haven't been found."

It was a national disgrace, he added, that trains could travel so fast through France, with its tunnel link completed, while Britain's link could have been completed sooner had the Government put up the money. "For the next ten years, goods and passengers from all over Britain will face a 70-mile bottleneck from London to the tunnel."

But Mr MacGregor rejected that claim, saying travelling time from London to Paris would be only three hours when the tunnel opened, cut to two-and-a-half hours once the link was built. "Today the vast majority of the route has been fixed and therefore the blight has been lifted," he said.

The route had achieved all the Government's objectives, providing the people of Kent with better services to London on a new railway "that is sensitive to the land and townscapes through which it passes". Fewer than forty homes would be demolished to build the link, half of which would be alongside existing transport corridors, Mr MacGregor said. Homes required for the railway and those seriously affected by the work would be offered voluntary purchase, as would those affected by excessive noise.

A quarter of the route would be in tunnels, taking it past major areas of population, but a tunnel taking the line west of Ashford had been ruled out because it would have added £65 million to the cost. Planners have sought to deflect the threat of an intense protest campaign in north London by including a new section of tunnel beneath Islington just before it approaches St Pancras. There had been fears that thousands of homes might be demolished or blighted.

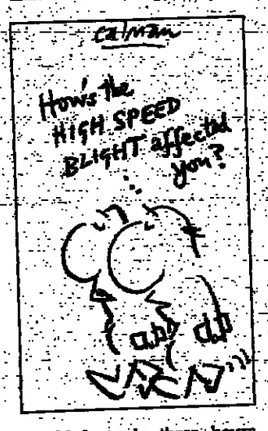
But the concession was not enough to satisfy two Labour MPs whose homes will be affected by the route. Chris Smith, MP for Islington South and Finsbury, said the line would go past the back of his house and said he would be urging his neighbours to deluge the transport department with blight notices. Tony Banks, MP for Newham North West, will meanwhile have a tunnel under his back garden. He said there would be a new class of objector. "First there was the Nimby, now we have got the Undie — not underneath my garden."

There were objections last night, too, from Conservative MPs representing Kent constituencies, and from the National Trust, which is angered by the fact that the route crosses the grounds of the Grade I listed Cobham Park near Rochester.

Sir Keith Speed, MP for Ashford, said there was disappointment that there would be no tunnel to the west of the town; while Sir John Stanley of Tonbridge and Malling complained that the proposed noise threshold for voluntary purchase of homes was neither reasonable nor fair.

British Rail, however, welcomed the announcement as an "important step forward". Sir Bob Reid, the chairman, said that it and the Government's endorsement last week of the London CrossRail link meant "we can see emerging the sort of rail network we need for the 21st century".

Planning directions are to be issued in the next few weeks safeguarding the route, and a hybrid Bill will be published in the autumn.



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Colonel Stewart and Claire, his new wife, at home in Shepperton yesterday

Bosnian romance ends in marriage

By Michael Evans
defence correspondent

COLONEL Bob Stewart, former commander of the British United Nations troops in Bosnia, has married Claire Podbielski, the Swiss Red Cross worker with whom he fell in love during his service in the war-torn country.

The private ceremony was at a register office in Weybridge, Surrey, on Friday. There were two witnesses, but no other guests.

Colonel Stewart, 44, was divorced from his first wife, Lizzie, last year. Their marriage broke down before he went to Bosnia, but his friendship with Miss Podbielski, 28, provoked a flurry of publicity when it became known that his wife wanted a divorce.

Yesterday, at their home in Shepperton, Middlesex, the couple said they had only one plan — "to be really happy". Clearly surprised that the media had discovered their quiet marriage, Colonel Stewart, who next month becomes Nato's chief of policy in Brussels, said his new wife was "a very special person". Asked if her husband was still her hero, the new Mrs Stewart replied: "To me, yes; but to others, I don't know."

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Quarter of City's churches face axe

By Ruth Gledhill
Religion Correspondent

MANY Anglican churches in the City of London which survived the Blitz and even the Great Fire of London in 1666 are expected to be declared redundant under the recommendations of a report to be published later this week.

The Templeman Commission will say that the 36 parish and guild churches in the Square Mile far exceed the needs of a resident population of about 5,000.

Up to ten are expected to be earmarked for a change of status, though structural alteration are out: all are listed Grade One. Alternative uses compatible with their history could include charity centres or meeting halls. One church which could lose its status is All Hallows London Wall. Though it is headquarters for the Council for the Care of Churches, until now it has remained a guild church.

St Mary Aldermary has two Roman Catholic services a week compared to one Anglican service, and an option would be a change of denominational status.

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CBI seeks cut in interest rates to sustain upturn

By Philip Webster, Political Editor

SIGNS that the economic recovery is gathering strength brought relief to Kenneth Clarke yesterday as he tried to fight off rising Conservative concern over the party's dented low taxation image.

A Confederation of British Industry survey suggesting that output and orders are rising at their strongest rate for nearly five years was backed up by another study showing that building firms are more confident than at any time in the past four years and a Gallup poll indicating that voters' confidence has grown.

Ministers welcomed the CBI finding that more firms were expecting to increase investment over the year ahead than decrease it. But business leaders also suggested that lower interest rates would be needed in the next few weeks to help the economy over the hurdle of April's tax rises. The survey said: "It will remove a significant proportion of purchasing power from the economy and hold back growth in demand in the economy."

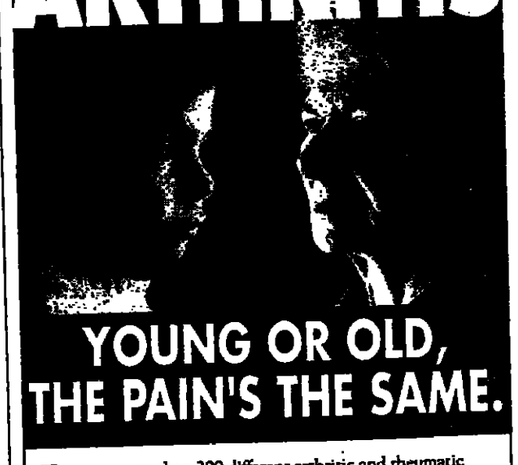
Sir David Lees, chairman of the CBI's economic affairs committee, said: "Overall, this is an encouraging survey and indicates that the recovery is strengthening." The upbeat findings of the survey alone, based largely on information supplied since the beginning of January, meant there was no direct need to reduce interest rates from their present 5.5 per cent. But cheaper borrowing would probably be necessary "as the impact of tax increases becomes more closely anticipated". Sir David said: "They are large, and may well have a negative impact on confidence; it may therefore be highly desirable to reduce interest rates further."

After Labour published more figures suggesting that the Conservative tax take was

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D-Day snub upsets forces' sweetheart

By John Young

DAME Vera Lynn, the Second World War "forces' sweetheart", is upset at being snubbed by the organisers of the ceremonies marking the 50th anniversary next June of the D-Day landings.

The singer was expected to play a leading role in the commemorations. But bureaucracy has decreed otherwise. Speaking from her home in Sussex, Dame Vera, 76, said: "It would have been very nice to have been involved with the official British commemoration, but I wasn't asked. And yes, I'm disappointed."

Tens of thousands of former servicemen from all the Allied countries that took part in the invasion to liberate Europe from the Nazis are expected to gather on the beaches of Normandy to commemorate the biggest combined operation ever mounted. Dame Vera will be joining them at the invitation not of the Government but of the Cunard shipping company.

The reason is the sort of Whitehall confusion with which the troops she entertained half a century ago were all too familiar. The defence ministry has organised a series of official ceremonies, but the Heritage Department left it until yesterday, with little more than four months to go, to say that it had appointed a public relations firm to advise on a programme of "civilian" events.

Even if Dame Vera is belatedly invited, it is too late. She has already accepted a private invitation to entertain veterans cruising in the Queen Elizabeth II from Southampton to Cherbourg at the beginning of June.



Dame Vera: official plans left too late

Killers on track of new scapegate for ritual slaughter

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Both the stopping service to Wolverhampton and the semi-fast to Birmingham will be increased."

"Hear, hear!"

Your sketchwriter, returned some hours earlier from hacking his way with a machete through the cloud forests of the Andes, blinked in the grey light of an English afternoon struggling to reaccustom himself to the fabric of parliamentary concern.

The Transport Secretary was speaking. Mr MacGregor was there for transport questions, and a statement on the Channel tunnel link. The discussion was of timetables, late trains and the West Coast main line. "A short open concrete box at Stratford for emergency crossover ...", "an additional freight inspection facility at Westenhanger. ...", "a hybrid bill"; the smell of llamas and the shriek of parrots still fresh in my senses, it all seemed so strange. But as the New World fades the old world crowds back.

Parliament is a jungle, too. Once your eyes are accustomed to the half-light of half-truth, the tangle of procedure and the moss and fungus of evasion, living forms can be discerned. Some are dangerous.

Yesterday I spotted a new kind of animal, cunningly camouflaged against the rot.

That ancient public-sector beast, British Rail, is almost extinct. A giant, slow-moving mammal, it was too visible the target of every attack that MPs with angry commuter constituents chose to make. The hunting ritual was time-honoured: commuter complains to MP (about the timetable, the sandwiches — anything); MP complains to transport minister; transport minister replies: "This is a matter for the chairman of British Rail."

But that ritual is coming to an end. To the acclaim of some and the horror of others, the Government is killing British Rail. Having for half a century blamed every ill on the beast, ministers have taken their logic to its conclusion. But who will they then have left to blame?

Rail services will continue to disappoint, of course. Surely Tory ministers will not want to blame their own creations: the private "franchisees" operating individual lines? Where is the new scapegoat?

For the answer, listen to Mr MacGregor replying to Quentin Davies (C, Stamford & Spalding) who wants a rail container terminal in Peterborough. "That will be for Railtrack to consider."

Or note his response to Dafydd Wigley (Pl Cymru, Caernarfon) who wants better lines in North Wales. "I will convey his view to the chairman-designate. It is a matter for Railtrack."

Railtrack is the fledgeling beast I spotted yesterday: a new substitute quarry for politicians. It is the single authority being set up to own and maintain, nationwide, the tracks themselves, the signalling and the power supply.

As any railwayman will tell you, most of the operational problems passengers experience come down to problems with the track, with signalling and with power failures.

So once BR is extinct, this will be the new hunting ritual: commuter complains about service to MP; MP complains to minister; minister consults operator; operator claims fault due to Railtrack; everyone blames Railtrack. Railtrack, you may care to know, is to remain in the public sector.

Did Mr MacGregor know, asked Frank Dobson, Labour's Transport spokesman, when modernisation of the West Coast main line will start? "No," replied the Transport Secretary, "but I believe Railtrack expect to announce ..."

Keating's wife declines to curtsy to her royal guest

Alan Hamilton *detects ambivalence in Australia's official welcome to the Prince of Wales as he begins a 12-day tour there*

BLUEY THOMSON



Monarchists greeting the Prince at Sydney airport yesterday. Media coverage has been less enthusiastic

HINTS of Australia's schizophrenic attitude towards the monarchy were in evidence when the Prince of Wales arrived last night to begin a 12-day official tour.

He stepped onto the tarmac at Sydney airport looking remarkably fresh after a 20-hour scheduled Qantas flight from London, a walking advertisement for the benefits of first-class travel over economy. He was greeted by a small but enthusiastic crowd of monarchists who accorded him a pop star's welcome and begged to touch his palm.

First, protocol had to be observed. The Prince was greeted at the aircraft steps by Bill Hayden, the Governor-General, affectionately known to his subjects as the Gee-Gee. The vice-regal Mrs Hayden offered a curtsy to her royal visitor. To the accompaniment of a 21-gun salute fired into the golden dusk by the Australian army, the Prince and his hosts walked across the tarmac to a receiving line under the gaze of several dozen cameramen.

Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair, governor of New South Wales, offered a hearty naval handshake. Mrs Sinclair sank into a full and stylish curtsy. John Fahey, the state premier, offered a warm Irish handshake in spite of being an avowed republican, while Mrs Fahey managed a slight flexing of the knees which was deemed a half-curtsy.



Keating: a matey smile and banter

Paul Keating, the prime minister, and the Prince shook hands with particular warmth, smiled intimately at each other like the oldest of mates and engaged in banter. Mr Keating's wife Anita, as she did before the Queen, shook hands and smiled broadly but her legs remained rigidly at attention.

It is unlikely at that stage that Mr Keating repeated to the Prince his remarks to journalists earlier in the day. Asked by a British television reporter whether he was excited by the prospect of the royal visit, the Prime Minister replied: "Not as excited as you."

Pressed further on the republican question, Mr Keating said: "Australia will become a republic. It is not a question of if, but when. I think the royal family comprehends that." Mr Keating, the Queen and the Prince laid their various cards on the table last September when the Prime Minister was entertained to a barbecue at Balmoral, a dinner location he could not possibly have mistaken for Bondi Beach.

The Prince mounted a rostrum as an army band played a few bars of "God Save The Queen" and "Advance Australia Fair". Not long ago, one national anthem would have sufficed. He inspected a guard of honour while the band played "Botany Bay", then walked over to press flesh with the excited crowd, who waved Australian flags and had draped over their crush barrier a large banner bearing a Scottish lion rampant.

Fortunately, the police got to Ossie North before the Prince did. Mr North, 69, a retired toolmaker from Barnsley who emigrated to Australia 25 years ago, was parading a rude banner referring to the so-called Camillagate tapes. The other loyalists, mainly women of a certain age, rounded on Mr North and told him he should be ashamed of himself. When the police arrived, he went quietly.

Mrs Jenny Smith, a staunch monarchist, said: "I feel sorry for the Prince. The intrusion into his privacy has been bad. But Keating's a shocker. I'm not impressed with *his* views." Sidney and Beatrice Wild, both 70, thought it pure ignorance on Mrs Keating's part not to curtsy.

With three cheers and "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow" ringing in his ears, the Prince sped off to spend the night at the Governor-General's official residence, where another small crowd of 100 was waiting to cheer and wave.

Much of Australia seems indifferent to the Prince's visit and preliminary media coverage has been less than overwhelming. In the high summer silly season, the nation is more preoccupied with a political scandal involving a government minister alleged to have diverted party funds into a sandwich bar operation in Melbourne, and with the fact that 800 bathers were stung by Portuguese men-of-war in a single day off the New South Wales coast.

Schizophrenic towards the monarchy it may be, but this, as commentators constantly observe, is a deeply conservative nation.

☐ In London, a Buckingham Palace spokesman denied that Mrs Keating had shown a lack of courtesy. "Anita Keating is Dutch. She was brought up in Holland, whose royal family put out an instruction about 25 years ago that they did not wish women to curtsy to them or men to bow to them."

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Climber rescued after night on mountain

A climber who fell 100ft down a Scottish mountain survived overnight in freezing conditions before being rescued yesterday. David McCulloch, aged in his 30s, of Glasgow, was said to be barely alive when the Glencoe mountain-rescue team brought him down from Sgorr na h-Ulaidh. He had a broken leg and was suffering from hypothermia. Last night he was in a stable condition in hospital.

Another climber, a German woman aged 24, was found dead at the top of Stob Dubh, Glencoe, and hope was fading for a 45-year-old man missing on Beinn a'Chaorainn, near Tulloch, for more than 48 hours. Mountain rescuers had begun searching for Andrea Weltz, a student at Aberdeen University, after she became separated from her six companions on Sunday. Christopher Mitchell, an industrial chemist of Northwich, Cheshire, was climbing with his 18-year-old son Neil on Saturday when he fell through a snow cornice. A search began after his son raised the alarm but Mr Mitchell had not been found by nightfall yesterday.

Baby starved to death

A nine-month-old boy is thought to have starved to death beside his diabetic mother after she died several weeks ago, it was disclosed yesterday. Rose McCormack, 24, and her son, Jack, were found side by side in their council flat in Grangemouth, near Falkirk. Police said there appeared to be no suspicious circumstances. One theory is that Miss McCormack, a single mother, died after slipping into a diabetic coma and that her baby later died of starvation. The bodies were found by one of Miss McCormack's brothers when he called at the flat on Saturday night.

Redhead fund backed

The BBC and the family of the broadcaster Brian Redhead, who died on Sunday, are considering setting up a fund in his name. Many listeners to the *Today* programme, which he presented for 18 years, have pledged donations. Mr Redhead was due to retire at the end of March and his place was to be taken by James Naughtie, presenter of *The World at One*. Mr Naughtie will now take over on February 28. In a special programme yesterday Baroness Thatcher said she never thought he was an unfair interviewer but sometimes found him cantankerous. Another Today, page 33

Dirty beaches named

Thirty-three tons of rubbish was collected during a clean-up of 121 British beaches by the Marine Conservation Society and *Reader's Digest*. Their haul included plastics, sewage and condoms. Wildlife such as dolphins are put at risk by the debris and plastic fishing nets were found. The dirtiest beaches in the Beachwatch '93 survey included Larne Island, Co Antrim; Pegwell Bay, Kent; Hart Warren, Cleveland; and Sand Bay, Avon. Most of the rubbish was of British origin but much of it had been washed ashore from passing ships and from other countries.

Juror discussed case

A juror in the trial of a man accused of the murder of his daughter was discharged yesterday after discussing the case. Derek Fleming, 51, is on trial at Leeds Crown Court accused of murdering his daughter Linda, 23, a trainee pharmacist, at their home in Elland, West Yorkshire, last year. He denies murder but has admitted manslaughter.

Eczema therapy hope

A drug used for organ transplant patients is proving effective in treating eczema. Of 33 people with severe eczema who took cyclosporin in the first trial, 32 showed considerable improvement. The drug is being tested in Cardiff, Nottingham, Leicester and London. About 11,000 Britons have severe eczema. Body and Mind, page 15.

Alert over new drug

A stronger cannabis hybrid that causes hallucinations is flooding the country, Leeds police said yesterday. Skunk Weed, so called because of its smell, comes from Amsterdam. West Yorkshire police have arrested several people producing the drug and seized plants. Police said unsuspecting users could cause themselves serious harm.

Faiths unite against new emphasis in RE

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

THE teaching of minority faiths will be squeezed out of state schools by proposed safeguards on the position of Christianity in religious education, it was claimed last night.

A rare coalition of Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and Sikh representatives expressed strong disappointment at the outcome of a government review of religious education syllabuses. The pressure group, United in Faith, said that only 18 hours' teaching a year would be guaranteed to non-Christian faiths.

In proposals to be announced today, more than half of the 467 hours earmarked for religious education after Sir Ron Dearing's review of the curriculum will be devoted to Christianity, even in schools where most pupils are of other faiths. The group claimed that a maximum of 33 hours could be devoted to other religions.

The group claimed that the guidelines went beyond legal requirements and disregarded public opinion. "If the Education Department and SCAA want to respect the integrity of the faiths, they should ensure that sufficient time is given to teaching them."

John Patten, the Education Secretary, has said that religious education must be "predominantly Christian", as it is in most state schools.

☐ A Labour council failed in the High Court yesterday to stop a primary school from opting out of its control. Mr Justice Laws rejected the claim by Southwark council, south London, that the Education Secretary acted unreasonably by granting officials only four working days to arrange the transfer of the Friar's Primary School. He said the Education Secretary had a duty only to inform, not to consult in such matters.

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Radio Five defends sporty new live format

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

RADIO Five Live, the station that will replace Radio 5, will be like a "newspaper of the airwaves", Jenny Abramsky, controller of the 24-hour news and sport network, said yesterday.

Announcing details of the station that will start on March 28, Ms Abramsky denied that it would poach existing audiences from Radio 4, at present the bastion of BBC radio news and current affairs.

Ms Abramsky defended the decision to devote so much air time to sport, despite the fact that male listeners to BBC radio sport outnumber women by nine to one. "I hope to change that balance to six to four," she said.

The station aims to build on Radio 5's three million regular listeners. In particular, it hopes to appeal to a young audience in cities outside London.

Research by MORI found that 29 per cent of people said they would listen to a combined news and sports station.

Ms Abramsky said: "We will expand the news agenda so that our audience gains access to information and discussion of health, education, technology, entertainment news as well as reporting the UK so that stories which are important in Manchester, Glasgow and Belfast are told to the whole of the country."

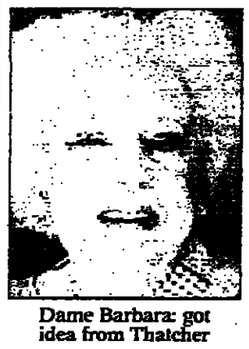
Cartland coined 'back to basics'

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE culprit who coined the term "back to basics", which has caused the Government so much anguish, has finally owned up. It was, of course, the novelist Dame Barbara Cartland.

Dame Barbara may not previously have been associated with think-tanks. But in a television interview yesterday she confirmed rumours that she was the one who first urged the Prime Minister to get "back to basics" while they chatted over lunch.

The still vigorous 92-year-old author told ITN news at lunchtime that she wanted a "back to romance, love and morality" campaign and an end to everyone talking about "sex, sex, sex" all the time.



Dame Barbara: got idea from Thatcher

Dame Barbara said that she had first got the idea from Baroness Thatcher, who had confided to her that she was worried about the nation's morality.

Dame Barbara had then passed on the observation to John Major when he came to lunch.

"He came out with his own idea about how it should be done," Dame Barbara said.

Dame Barbara is too modest to include the role of political adviser in the potted history of her career, presented in a fuschia-pink brochure, which she hands out to journalists. But with her vast and very demure literary output, and with no skeletons in her cupboard, she can confidently lecture the nation on their lack of morals.

"Since 1970 you have had everybody talking about sex. All the time it has been sex, sex, sex," she said. "People are beginning to realise it is a great mistake. What we want is love, which is a very different thing."

She said that it was no wonder that children were failing when "one out of two" marriages failed.

"We have gone mad on this endless talk of sex all the time, which is doing a tremendous amount of harm to our young people of course," she said.

Dame Barbara said that thanks to the Prime Minister, Russia had now signed a contract for three million of her books. She then got back to basics.

"He put it into words. What we want to get back to is romance. With romance comes good manners and all things that matter.

"Do you know that England is the rudest country in the whole of Europe? We are rude in shops. We are rude to people when they come to see us," Dame Barbara said.

Luckily for the Prime Minister, he had not yet used the B-word to describe his colleagues when he had lunch with the Grande Dame of romantic fiction.

Labour's tax warning

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due to go on rising for five years and a string of Tory MPs voiced their worries, the Chancellor of the Exchequer went on the offensive, defending the April tax rises as necessary to sustain recovery.

On the ITN lunchtime *News*, Mr Clarke said: "We need recovery. We need more jobs in this country. We have to make sure we do not borrow too much money in order to get that recovery." That was why he had cut public spending and why "reluctantly" he had had to raise taxes. But the Government will come under fierce attack in the Commons today as Labour forces another vote on the decision to impose VAT on fuel. However, Opposition hopes of provoking a Conservative rebellion have evaporated.

In a separate development, it has emerged that the scope of Labour's social justice commission is to be extended to cover taxation.

Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, insisted that the present tax increases were "no mere blip" in Tory policy but part of a five-year period of tax rises.

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Confirmation of the controversial Channel tunnel rail link raises hackles from Kent to Islington

Labour MPs lead 'nimby' opposition to overland blight

BY ANDREW PIERCE

TWO London Labour MPs were last night leading the opposition to the Channel tunnel rail plan that will send trains thundering past or under back yards in their constituencies — including their own.

Meetings will be held in the next few days with lawyers, writers, judges and artists who oppose the route to agree on a campaign strategy to change the direction or secure compensation.

Chris Smith, the Labour MP for Islington South and Finsbury, was appalled by the proposal. "It will go past the back of my house," he said. "I am going to have a tunnel portal and high-speed rail link directly behind it. I think there will be a construction site immediately behind it as well. The whole link should have gone in a tunnel. It is a disaster for Islington. It is not just about me. This is appalling for hundreds of householders." The rail link will emerge from a tunnel in the borough just east of the Gale-donian Road near St Pancras. From there the route goes overland blighting hundreds of properties, according to Mr Smith.

Mr Smith, a member of the shadow Cabinet, had been a leading figure in the Islington campaign for a tunnel to be built through the entire borough.

"This proposal which John MacGregor [the Transport Secretary] has accepted was introduced when the six-month consultation period was nearly over, which means we may yet be able to mount a legal challenge to it," he said.

Mr Smith urged his neighbours to "deluge the Department of Transport with blight notices". "This could be the end for shops in the Caledonian Road. People will be unable to sell their houses. There will be years of noise and disturbance. We will have to consider our next move. We have heard precious little about compensation. The campaign in Islington is far from over."

The position is not much better for Tony Banks, the shadow minister for London. The tunnel is going under the back garden of his imposing Victorian house in Forest Gate in the borough of Newham.

Mr Banks, the MP for Newham North West, said that the rail link had created a new class of objector. "First there was the Nimby (Not In My Back Yard), now we have got the Undie (not underneath my garden). It is going directly underneath mine. At least it means when I fight the case for compensation for my constituents I will be able to relate to the experience."

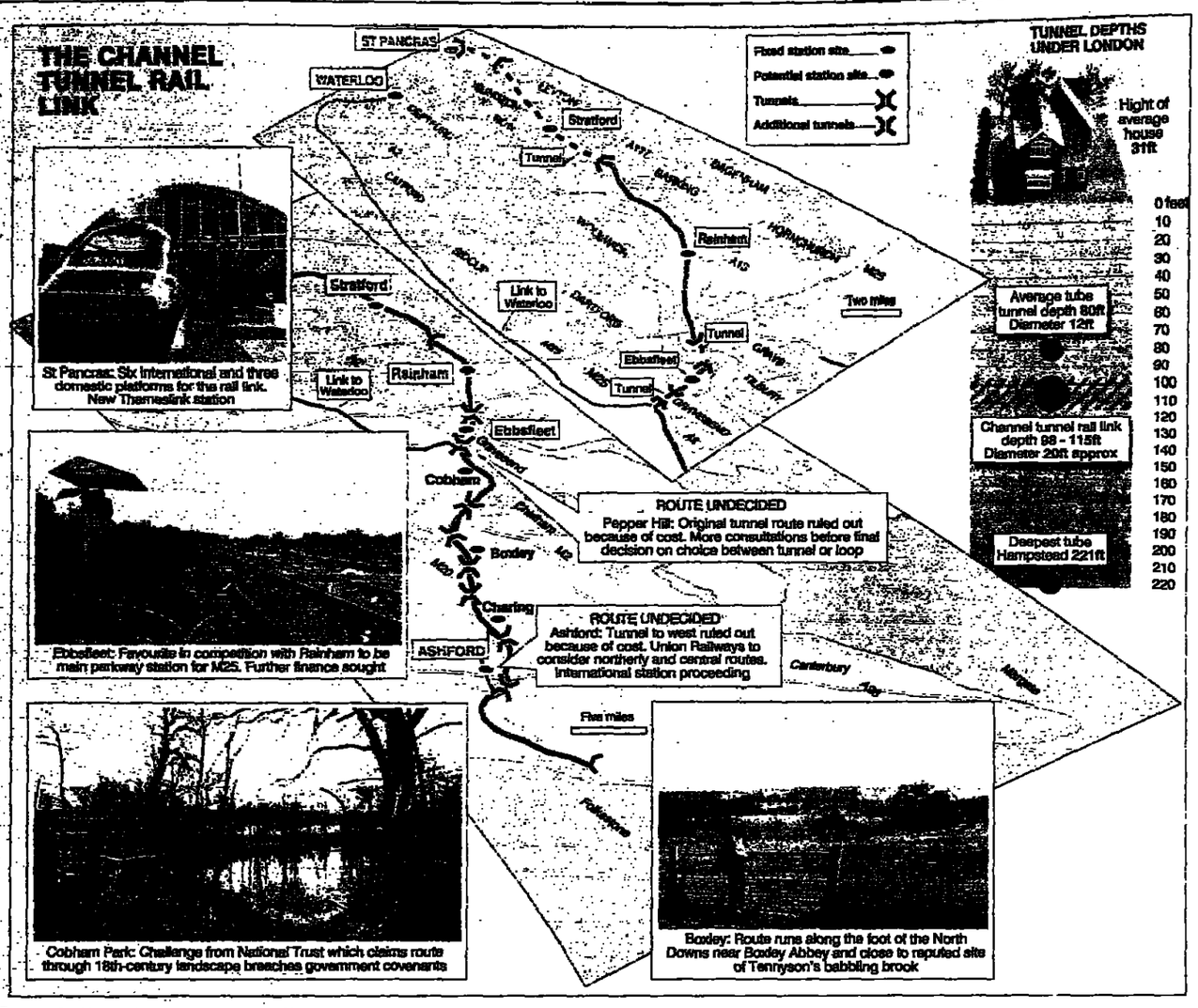
However, Mr Banks, a keen gardener, is maintaining his sense of humour, and hopes that the tunnel will be deep enough: "I hate the idea of digging in my garden and falling in and waking up on a high-speed train in Paris."

The MP, who said that the "property blight" would affect hundreds of his constituents, said he would drop his own compensation case if the Government put an international terminal at Stratford, which is in his constituency. "I will be happy to endure this personal sacrifice of having the train thundering underneath my flower beds if they put the station there providing badly needed jobs and investment for the East End of London," he said.

Both MPs are expected to lead delegations of objectors to see Mr MacGregor to demand compensation packages.

Anthony Shiel, a literary agent in Islington, is on the right side of the tunnel project. "I suppose I ought to be relieved that where I live it will all be underground, but I cannot feel elated. It is going to make Islington very unpleasant."

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Village campaigners pledge to fight on

BY EDWARD GORMAN

FEW people in Boxley, a charming little village near Maidstone in Kent, were expecting good news yesterday. They did not get it.

A pressure group, Boxley & Penenden Heath Rail Concern, has been trying to persuade the Government to spend £40 million taking the Rail Link under the North Downs just above the village — to no avail. The line will cross fields 400 yards from the village perimeter, condemning Boxley to blight from which the locals fear it may never recover.

Gary Thomas, a retired engineer who leads the pressure group, tried to put a brave face on an apparently hopeless situation.

"We will carry on," Mr Thomas said in the King's Arms. "We'll fight it through the select committee. We'll fight in Europe on environmental and strategic grounds." He believes the decision to ignore calls for tunnelling is environmental vandalism. The countryside between Chatham to the north and Maidstone to the south in which Boxley sits will see creeping urbanisation, he says. "The Government is yet again putting the environment at risk because it is not prepared to spend a small amount of money."

Mr Thomas's fighting spirit is not evident among some of his fellow villagers, who now own houses they cannot sell.

Brian Avery, 52, a retired estate agent, was offered £550,000 by British Rail five years ago to sell his home, the front door of which will be just 200 yards from the Rail Link. But he did not want to leave the family house.

Mr Avery has spent £20,000 on double-glazing. "You can double-glaze your windows and live with your windows shut, but you can't double-glaze your garden," he said.

The facts behind the tracks

- ☐ The link will cost between £2.5 and £3 billion.
- ☐ It is unlikely to be ready before 2001.
- ☐ Its construction will create about 15,000 jobs.
- ☐ It will reduce train journey times by at least 33 minutes. London to Paris will take 2 hours 27 minutes and London to Brussels 2 hours 7 minutes — compared with this summer's Eurostar train times of 3 hours and 2 hours 40 minutes respectively.
- ☐ Commuter services will also benefit. The journey from Ashford to London will be reduced from 72 minutes to 40 and Gravesend to London from 50 minutes to 20.
- ☐ There will be connections from St Pancras for through services from the Continent to the Midlands and the North.
- ☐ There will also be a connection from the link to London's Waterloo station from where the intercontinental Eurostar high-speed trains will start running through the Channel Tunnel this summer.
- ☐ A hybrid Bill to authorise the project is unlikely to be introduced before the autumn and could take up to two years to get through Parliament.
- ☐ The link would then take about five years to complete.

Science silences rumblings of disquiet

BY LIN JENKINS

TECHNOLOGY promises protection for those who fear that the Channel rail link will make the earth move beneath their homes and cause lights to flicker each time a train heads for France.

The rumblings familiar to audiences in many West End theatres as Tube trains pass beneath are, say engineers, a legacy of a fledgeling profession. Advanced techniques that have been tested around the world should keep disturbance to a minimum. The greatest impact will be during building.

All homes above the tunnels will be surveyed before construction begins. If a problem arises, they can be surveyed afterwards to see what damage has been done.

But householders will have to wait a year and a day after the railway service begins before they can claim compensation for damage, noise or vibration. The compensation would pay for repairs or double-glazing where necessary, in accordance with noise levels laid down by local authorities.

Engineers say such disturbance will be rare. Tunnels on the District, Circle and Metropolitan Tube lines are an average of 7.3 metres (24ft) below ground, compared with the 30 to 35 metres anticipated for the rail tunnel.

Douglas Parkes, a civil engineer and former chairman of the British Tunnelling Society, said: "This branch of engineering has really developed in the last 15 years. Tunnelling does cause ground movement, simply because one is changing stress patterns, but the movements are very small and can be accounted for."

Acoustic engineering, not known in Brunel's day, will play a significant part. "The ground itself is a good transmitter of sound. In bore tunnels you rely on ballast damping out the sound. It is all to do with weight and mass and isolation."

It is that work which will affect the quality of life for those living above — and the price of their homes. Nigel Smith, a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, said properties above Tube lines were generally better priced than those in areas without the Underground. "People complain that a tunnel is responsible for the depreciation in their house value. In fact being near a station puts £50,000 on the price."

Route angers National Trust

BY JOHN YOUNG

ONE of the first protests against the chosen route will come from the National Trust, which is angered by the fact that it crosses the grounds of the Grade-I listed Cobham Park, near Rochester, currently being restored at a cost of more than £500,000.

The issue is likely to lead to a row in Parliament over whether restrictive covenants granted by Government in 1961 can be overridden by new legislation. The covenants empower the trust to veto any development that it believes will damage the landscape.

The trust claims that its views have been ignored, and its chairman, Lord Chorley, has written to John MacGregor, the Transport Secretary, demanding the the line be concealed in a tunnel where it crosses the park. His letter says a surface-level railway would do "irreparable damage" to the 18th-century pleasure grounds and to the adjoining ancient woodland. It also says the plan would contradict the actions of three of the Government's advisory agencies — English Heritage, English Nature and the Countryside Commission — all of which have taken steps to protect the area. "The scheme as proposed is environmentally unsustainable," Lord Chorley writes. Measures to mitigate its effect would be wholly inadequate, with the result that nationally important assets would be lost beyond repair.

The extra cost of a tunnel stretching for just under a mile would be about £48 million. The Government is likely to argue that the historic view is already interrupted by the six-lane A2.

But Richard Bate, an environmental consultant who has prepared a report on the case for a tunnel, says the road is effectively screened by trees, whereas the railway would run on a raised embankment.

Jury split in EastEnders libel case

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE jury in the Gillian Taylforth libel case will resume its deliberations today after failing to reach a verdict last night.

Mr Justice Drake, who earlier told them someone must have been lying in the witness box, gave a direction allowing a 10-2 verdict after they had been deliberating for nearly four hours after the two-week case in the High Court.

Miss Taylforth, 38, who plays Kathy Beale in the BBC soap *EastEnders*, and her fiancé, Geoffrey Knights, 39, a business consultant, are suing *The Sun* for repeating an allegation that they had oral sex on a slip road off the A1 at Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, after a day at Royal Ascot in June 1992. *The Sun* denies libel and claims the story was true, but says that if it was untrue the Metropolitan police were responsible as they supplied the information.

The couple claim they pulled off the road for Mr Knights to be sick during an attack of pancreatitis. Miss Taylforth claims she had placed her hand on his stomach out of concern when PC Terence Talbot arrived and misconstrued the situation.

Survey explodes myth that public schools breed gays

BY EMMA WILKINS

BOARDING-school pupils are more than twice as likely to report homosexual experiences as day-school children, according to the Wellcome Trust's comprehensive survey of British sexual attitudes and practices, which was published yesterday.

But after interviews with 19,000 people aged 16 to 59, the survey found that former boarding-school pupils were only slightly more likely than day-school children to report having had a homosexual partners in the past five years. "Boarding school seems to provide greater opportunities for homosexual experience, but it seems to have little or no effect on behaviour in later life," the survey found.

As MPs prepare to vote on lowering the age of consent for homosexual men, public school heads said the survey's findings were 40 years out of date.

The study found that people in social classes I and II were more likely to report homosexual experiences than others. For example, 9.5 per cent of professional and managerial people had some kind of homosexual experience, compared with 3.2 per cent of skilled manual workers and 4.7 per cent of semi-skilled and unskilled people.

Ian Small, headmaster of Bootham School, York, and chairman of the Boarding Schools Association, said homosexual activity in boarding schools was virtually non-existent. "My feeling is that this was true in the past but probably is not true now.

"There is so much more openness in schools that the sort of pressures that would have led to that sort of activity 30 or 40 years ago are simply not there any more. The introduction of girls into almost all sixth forms means that boarding schools have changed out of all recognition," he said.

John Rae, headmaster of Westminster from 1970-86, said homosexual feelings at a young age had little effect on later behaviour. "I think Robert Graves had the final word. He said public schools did not create homosexuals but created a fear in men that they might be homosexual."

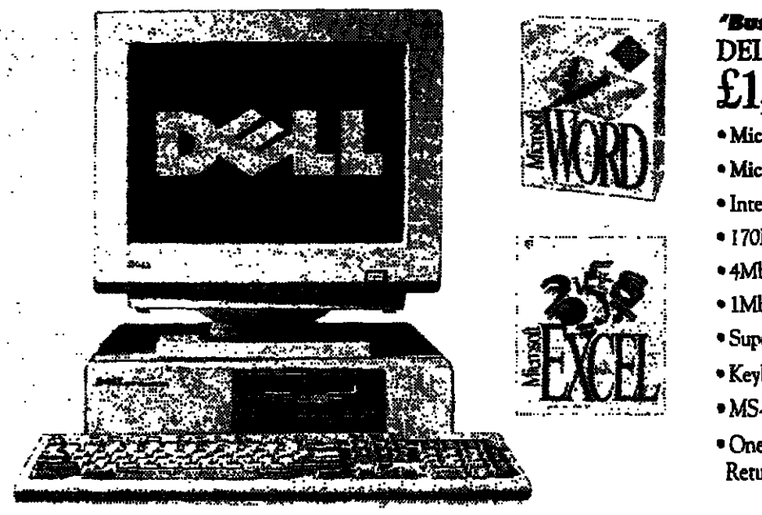
Stonewall, the gay and lesbian pressure group, said the survey supported the view that youthful experimentation did not necessarily lead to a confirmed homosexual lifestyle. Will Parry, a former pupil at Rugby, who is taking his case for equal rights for homosexuals to the European Court of Human Rights, said homosexuality was non-existent when he was at the school.

"I saw no evidence of gay sex and I think the idea of British public schools as hotbeds of gay activity is a myth. The atmosphere was so intensely homophobic," he said.

The authors of the survey said lowering the age of consent for homosexual men to 16 would have little impact on sexual practices. Kaye Wellings, a medical sociologist and co-author of the survey, which found only 1.1 per cent of men in Britain are actively homosexual, said there was a terrible fear that relaxing the law would prompt behavioural changes among gay men.

Stonewall published a survey yesterday which said 78 per cent of gay men had their first sexual experience before the age of 21, the legal age. More than half the 2,400 people who responded said their first experience was before the age of 18 — the compromise limit that some MPs are believed to favour.

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Pact with Mirror likely to end days of independence

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

DAVID MONTGOMERY, chief executive of Mirror Group Newspapers, moved one step closer to taking a major stake in *The Independent* and *The Independent on Sunday* yesterday with the announcement that he is to form a consortium to bid for the two titles.

Counter proposals from another consortium, led by Tony O'Reilly, chairman of Irish Independent Newspapers and head of the Heinz company in the United States, are expected by the end of this week. Dr O'Reilly is known to have spoken to several Fleet Street parties about forming a rival consortium, including Lord Stevens of Ludgate, of United Newspapers, publisher of the *Daily* and *Sunday Express*, with whom he already has close links.

Dr O'Reilly, who has already indicated that he would be prepared to invest about £30 million to buy up to 29.9 per cent of Newspaper Publishing, is the preferred choice of most of the editorial staff, who have asked to meet him.

Mr Montgomery's announcement of his intention to launch a joint bid with



O'Reilly: counter proposal due soon

Andreas Whittam Smith, *The Independent's* founding editor, and two management colleagues who together own about 11 per cent of the papers' parent company Newspaper Publishing, promises to bring to a climax the weeks of uncertainty and growing sense of crisis over the future ownership of the two titles.

If successful, the bid, which has the backing of *The Independent's* main investors, *El Pais* of Spain and *La Repubblica* of Italy, will mark the end of the independent ownership of the two broadsheets.

Journalists on the two titles, who were told of the pending bid at a secret meeting held early yesterday near *The Independent's* offices in City Road, London, reacted angrily. At a heated union meeting in the afternoon they voted by 70 to one not to co-operate with the facilitation of the offer.

The board of Newspaper Publishing will consider all proposals but is unlikely to make a final decision for another two to three weeks.

Mr Whittam Smith said that whereas MGN could offer cost savings to Newspaper Publishing through the sharing of printing and distribution facilities, he could not see what Dr O'Reilly would bring to the newspaper. He repeatedly told his staff that he felt that the former Irish rugby international wanted to own *The Independent* only as a hobby.

Mr Whittam Smith said that he would remain as editor of *The Independent* "for the time being" under the terms of the offer. "MGN is the ideal partner because it has no dominating shareholder behind them and no media tycoon. The *Mirror's* political stance, while not my own, has at least been fundamentally anti-establishment for the last 13 years," he said.

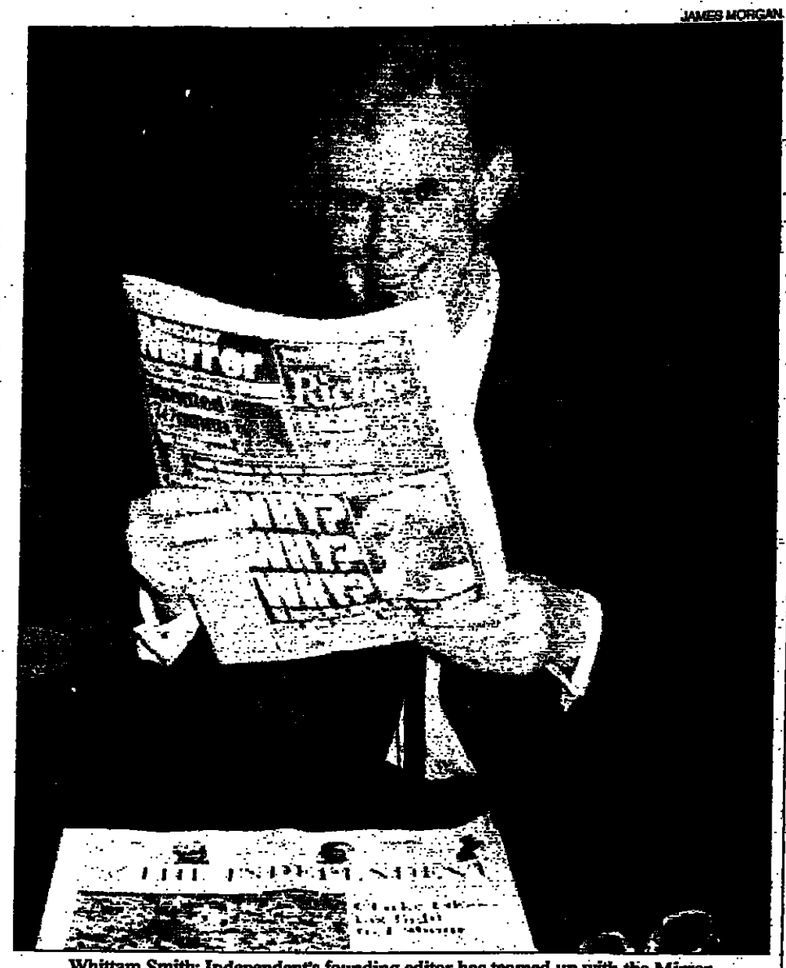
Mr Whittam Smith declined to give details of his intended bid but admitted that the proposed offer would involve job losses from the non-editorial staff. Sources close to the MGN/Whittam Smith consortium indicated that a share price of £2.72 per share, valuing the company at £60 million, was "far too high".

David Montgomery denied that the bid could be held up by a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The Department of Trade and Industry is supposed automatically to refer transfers of newspaper ownership when the combined circulation of the interested parties is 500,000 or more, but Mr Montgomery said there had not been a referral for a national newspaper since the Sixties.

He added that his proposed offer for the company meant that the Independent titles would be "editorially ring-fenced" from MGN, who would intervene only on commercial policy. "Under the terms of the offer I would not have the right to vote on the appointment of editors of *The Independent* or *The Independent on Sunday*."

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JAMES MORGAN



Whittam Smith: Independent's founding editor has teamed up with the Mirror

Yorkshire Ridings to be rescued

BY IAN MURRAY

THE historic Ridings of Yorkshire should largely be recreated and the unloved modern county of Humberside should be absorbed back into Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, the Local Government Commission for England said yesterday.

The full recommendation of the report is to create unitary authorities for York and Hull. Scunthorpe would also become a unitary authority, as would Grimsby linked with Cleethorpes, but for ceremonial purposes they would return to being a part of Lincolnshire, where the old two-tier administrative system would be preserved.

According to the commission, the proposals could produce administrative savings of between £13 million and £22 million annually, and the cost of setting up the system should be recovered within three years.

The commission analysed the opinions of 36,500 residents, 27 district councils and 100 organisations. "It is the issue of community identity that forces the decision," the final report said.

The only area where the proposals have not been widely welcomed is in the recreated West Riding, which is to be somewhat smaller than the historic one. Sir John Banham, chairman of the commission, nevertheless hinted yesterday that there might be some changes in the borders there once a review of areas in Lancashire has been completed.

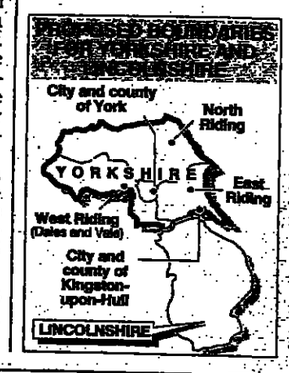
Feelings are at their strongest in Selby, where Chris Edwards, the chief executive, said: "It is impossible to make rational comment on such an irrational decision which completely disregards common sense and public opinion."

Although the Government has directed the commission to undertake further reviews on two of the four reports it has made, Sir John said yesterday that he was not prepared to make any changes in them unless new ideas came forward.

"Our recommendations do take people's views very much into account. I would be very surprised if the Government were to try to force down the throat of people what they don't want," he said.

☐ *Final Recommendations on the Future of Local Government of North Yorkshire, Humberside and Lincoln* (HMSO; £8.65).

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Romeo-ban head wins support

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

THE head teacher being investigated for setting up home with her former chair of governors was defended yesterday against suggestions of impropriety.

Jane Brown, who banned her pupils from seeing *Romeo and Juliet* because it was "too heterosexual", became friends with Nicki Thorogood, a mother of three, only after she was appointed. Brian Powell, a long-serving school governor, said he had "no evidence of any more than a friendship based on mutual support" between the two women.

Hackney council is investigating the relationship between Ms Brown, 36, who was appointed head of Kingsmead school, Clapton Park, east London, by a panel that included Ms Thorogood, then chair of governors. Hackney has warned Ms Brown that she could be suspended if there was a conflict of interests.

The two women moved into an end-of-terrace house with Ms Thorogood's children shortly before last Christmas. "I'm sure at the time of the interview there were no relationships which should have been lawfully declared," Mr Powell, who became a governor in 1981, said.

He said the two women were only acquaintances before Ms Thorogood, whose nine-year-old daughter attends the school, was co-opted to the board of governors. "Friendships of that kind can develop under the pressure of stressful work together," he said.

Inspectors name 'near-miss' school

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THE first school likely to face direct intervention by government inspectors as part of an initiative to lift standards was identified yesterday.

Bishop Barrington, a comprehensive school in Bishop Auckland, Co Durham, is expected to be examined by the Office for Standards in Education after receiving a critical report from freelance inspectors.

The report, published yesterday under the privatised regime, said the school's pupils under-achieved at all ages.

It concluded that teachers demanded too little and standards were unacceptably low in key subjects, particularly science.

Just 16 per cent of pupils at the school gained five grades A to C at GCSE last summer, less than half the national average.

However, the school was not judged to be failing by the inspectors, a verdict that would have left it vulnerable to a possible takeover by outsiders.

Neil Donkin, the headteacher, said he would not be surprised to find the school declared a "near miss". This category, announced by the office on Saturday, allows inspectors to monitor directly schools believed to be at risk of serious decline. Yesterday's report was in marked contrast to the majority of 38 schools in the first group inspected by registered teams.

They were generally given a clean bill of health, with some suggestions for improvement.

Mr Donkin said it was difficult for his school to defend itself without criticising pupils and parents. He said: "We are doing our best, but it would be a damned sight easier if we served a middle-class area with highly motivated children receiving high levels of parental support."

He said children arrived at Bishop Barrington with a reading age, on average, two years behind their age. One-third qualified for free school meals, the second highest proportion in the county.

Mr Donkin said the governors were putting the final touches to an action plan in response to the report. It aimed to raise standards by lengthening the school week to 25 hours, freeing senior staff to give classroom teachers more feedback and moving away from mixed-ability teaching.

The office said it would not decide which schools would be categorised as near misses until next month, after it had received the action plan.

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Templeman report 'will complete the rationalisation of London's Great Fire'

Chop and change ahead for 10 City churches

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

UP TO a quarter of the Anglican churches in the City of London could face redundancy or a change of use under sweeping recommendations that critics are describing as the biggest rationalisation of churches in the Square Mile since the Great Fire.

The Templeman Commission, set up by the Bishop of London to investigate the future of the City of London's 36 Anglican parish and guild churches, is expected to recommended this week that up to ten be put to some other use.

Churches possibly at risk if the commission's findings are accepted are St Sepulchre's Holborn and St Andrew Undershaft. An alternative use might also be found for St Martin Ludgate, while St Mary Aldermary might become a Roman Catholic church.

The historic churches — some designed by Sir Christopher Wren — would be desanctified and transformed, possibly into offices, or meeting rooms. It would be the biggest rationalisation of London's churches since the Great Fire destroyed 89 of the 109 parish churches in 1666.

According to one source, feelings are running high about buildings which in some cases have survived both the fire and the Blitz, and many of the proposed changes are expected to be bitterly fought by rival camps within the church.

The City churches are among the most beautiful in the country. All the 36 buildings are Grade-I listed and cannot be demolished. However, no final decisions are expected without wide discussion in the London diocese and the General Synod.

Among the most controversial recommendations will be those concerning St Ethelburga-the-Virgin, the medieval church reduced to rubble by an IRA bomb in Bishopsgate last year. The report is understood to be particularly bleak about its future. Paul Sutherland, parish clerk of St Ethelburga, yesterday announced his decision to convert to Roman Catholicism.

St Andrew Undershaft is used by a nearby church but needs a lot of structural work and its future is uncertain. St Mary Aldermary, a guild church, could go to the Roman Catholics, who already use it twice weekly.

St Martin Ludgate, a gem of a building, could be earmarked for some other ecclesiastical use within the church, maybe in connection with St Paul's Cathedral. John Halliburton, its priest-in-charge, is a canon of St Paul's.

All Hallows London Wall, a guild church which serves as headquarters of the Council for the Care of Churches, is an obvious choice for a formal change of use.

Those churches whose futures are certainly secure include St Helen Bishopsgate, where Dick Lucas, the rector, has built up the largest congregation in the City, and St Peter Cornhill.

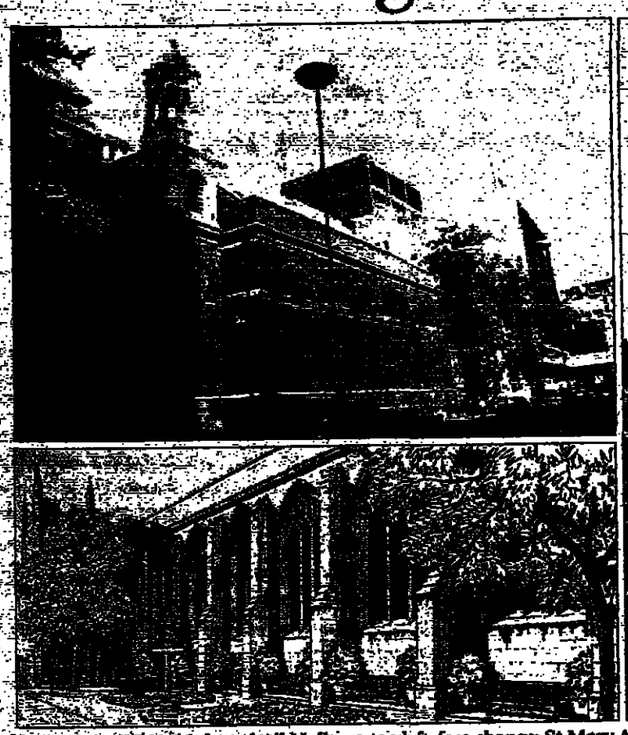
Oswald Clark, churchwarden of St Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe, said he had heard nothing of the future of his church. "There won't be any demolition. The heavens will go up if they try to do that. But everyone is going to fight for their corner over this."

The commission was set up because the number of churches in the City was felt to be too big for the population of 5,000. Some of the churches are particularly well endowed, and a programme of closure could free up vast sums to help pay the diocese's annual £7.5 million stipend bill and make it independent of the Church Commissioners.

Other commissions on the City churches have reported in 1971 and 1977, but neither resulted in a programme of rationalisation on such a scale. A source close to the commission said: "Obviously there are too many churches in the City, and something has got to be done with them. The biggest problem, of course, is St Ethelburga."

Although a certain amount of restoration is posible, the commission is thought unlikely to recommend that St Ethelburga be rebuilt.

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St Sepulchre's, left, and All Hallows, top left, face change; St Mary Aldermary, centre, may go to the Catholics; St Peter Cornhill, top right, and St Helen Bishopsgate are safe



St Ethelburga-the-Virgin, seen before and after it was all but devastated by the IRA bomb in Bishopsgate last year, had stood for 600 years. The church, changed from a parish to a guild church in 1954, was declared redundant in 1992 and opened to the public for prayer and meditation in 1992, ten days before an IRA bomb brought down the ceiling. It was repaired and due to open as a chapel of ease in April last year, when the second IRA bomb destroyed the church. A campaign for rebuilding, supported by *The Times* and led by the newly formed group, the Friends of St Ethelburga, has so far not resulted in any commitment from the London diocese and the future of what was the City's smallest church is understood to be particularly bleak.

Flag flies over new Redgrave theatre

BY ALISON ROBERTS
ARTS REPORTER

VANESSA Redgrave, who last year co-starred in films with Meryl Streep and Glenn Close, renounced Hollywood yesterday to launch a new theatre company and accept the minumum actors' wage.

Together with her brother Corin, Ms Redgrave will make her new theatrical home in Battersea, south London, where established actors will all accept £200 a week.

Ticket prices at the Bridge Lane Theatre, seating just under 200 people, will not be cheap, however: £10 for those in work, £7 for the unemployed and pensioners.

Famous for their espousal of far-left causes, the Redgraves insisted that their company would not perform purely political plays. "The work doesn't have to be politically relevant, but it certainly should deal with the problems, issues and facts of life," Mr Redgrave said.

But the company's first production, in March, flies the true Redgrave colours. *The Flag* by Alex Ferguson, based on the novel by the late actor Robert Shaw, is set in 1926, the year of the General Strike. The central character is a vicar who raises the red flag over his church.

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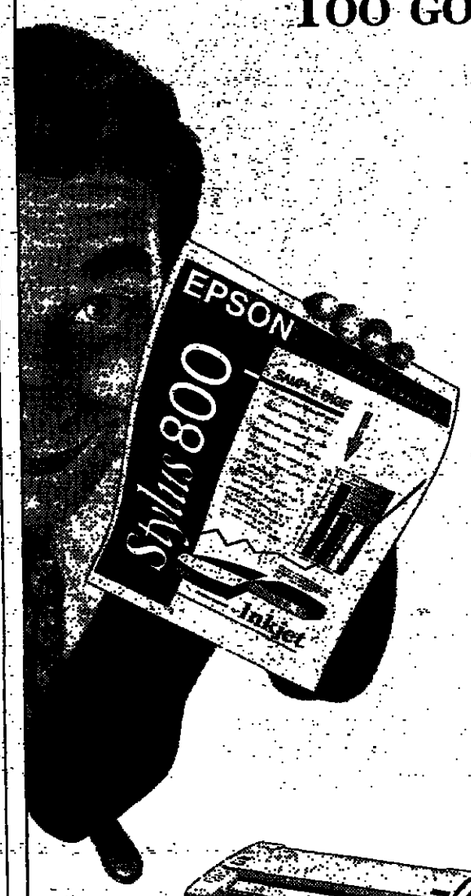
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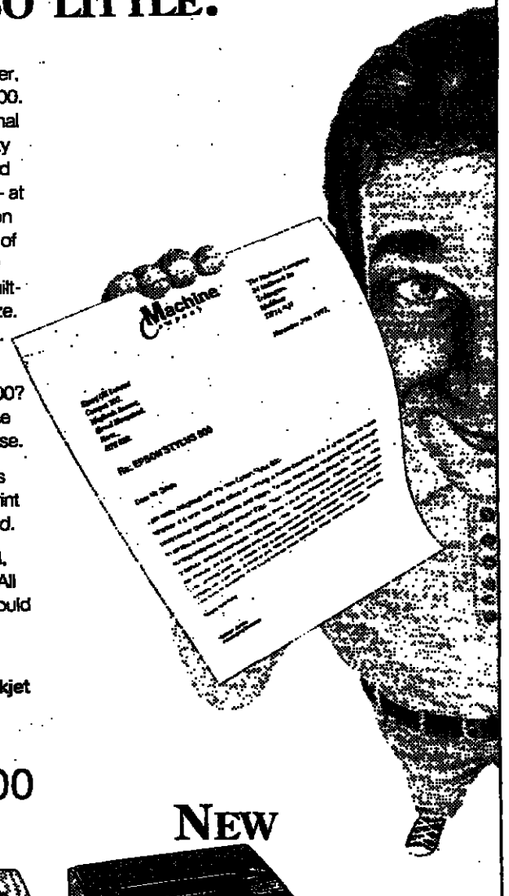
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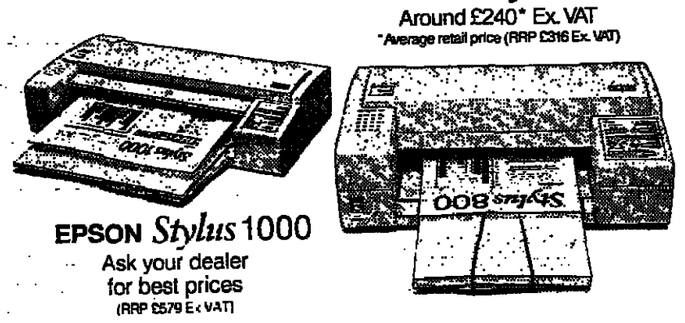
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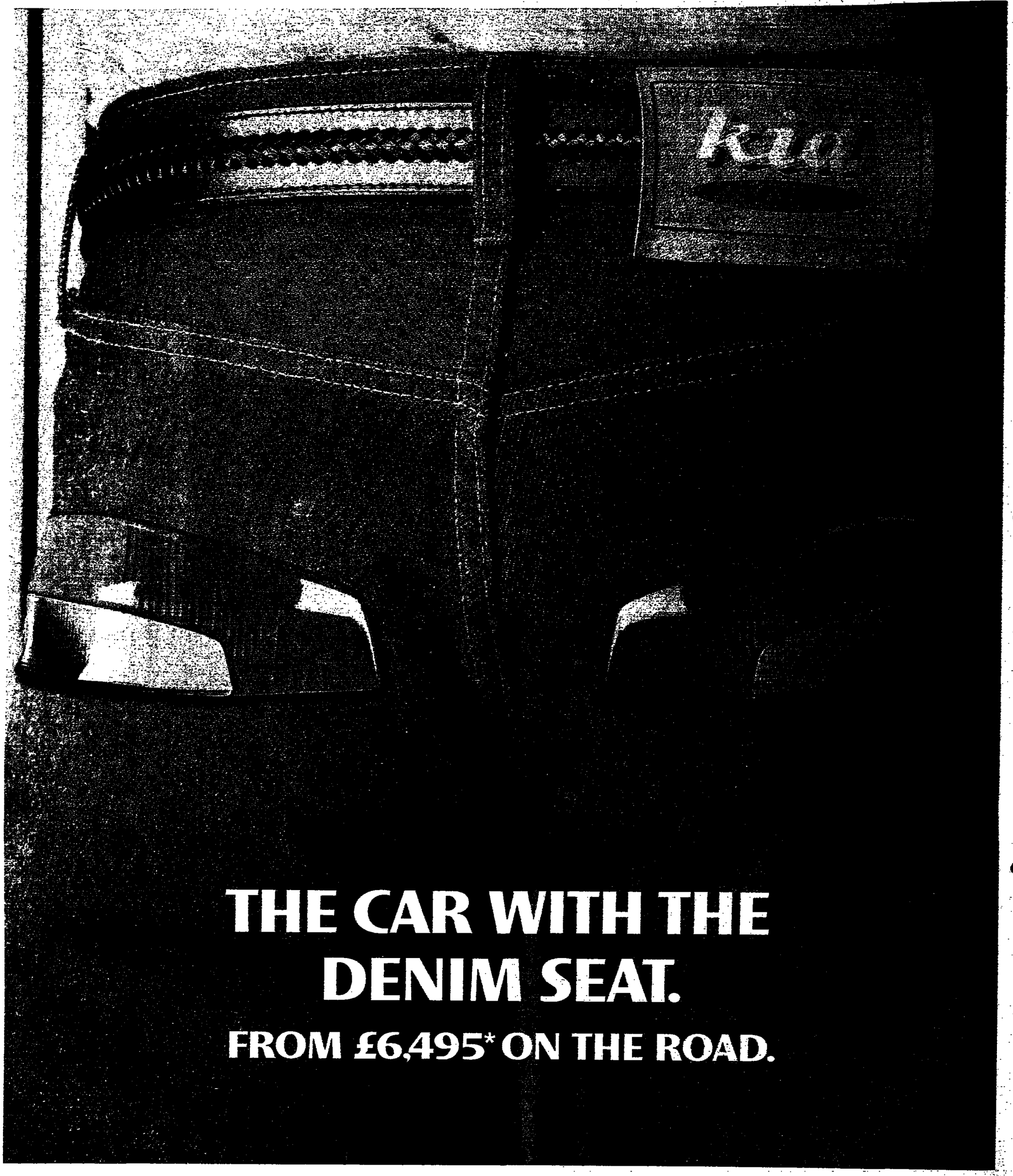
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Regions by
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Regions bypass Whitehall to cash in on helpful Brussels

By Ian Murray

In an influential speech ten days ago Michael Portillo decried the denigration of national institutions. This article is one of a series examining the roots of British identity

BRITAIN'S regions are being urged to use Brussels as "a Whitehall bypass" to promote projects that are blocked by central government. They believe bureaucrats in Brussels are more accessible and sympathetic than their own Government.

Frustrated by the way in which government departments delay or refuse to support schemes, the regions are increasingly pleading their case directly with the European Commission in Brussels, instead of waiting for whatever regard as half-hearted help by Whitehall.

Regional power has been recognised and strengthened by the Maastricht Treaty, which set up a Committee of the Regions with the right to advise and consult the Commission. The first meeting takes place next month and many of the 24 British representatives joined a Commission conference in Lincolnshire last week to discuss tactics and hear complaints from local organisations about central government.

Phillip Jaggers of the TUC's Yorkshire regional council, summed up feelings. "We can hardly find anyone in Government in Yorkshire as in London these days but in Brussels they are always prepared to give us time and help," he said.

William Newton Dunn, Conservative MEP for Lincolnshire agreed. "If you put things through the British government then you will often find it sells you down the river," he said. "They do their best to balance things but they are more concerned about achieving something else."

Scotland and Wales, with their clear regional identities, have led the way in Brussels where the "Tartan Mafia" and the "Taffia" are recognised within the Commission. They have their own offices in Brussels and their example has been followed in England by the North West, the West Midlands and Kent. Britain's nine other regions, designated after the Maastricht Treaty, are being actively encouraged to set up their own Brussels operations. Treasury sources at the conference urged delegates to learn quickly how to pull their weight. With Britain a net contributor of £2 billion a year to the Community budget, the Treasury does not want to waste any chance of "getting our money back".

"This is subsidiarity in action," one official said. In the short term these offices are likely to be more effective than the Council of the Regions, which has no powers yet and only a tiny budget. However, local authority representatives at the conference were determined that it must quickly win influence and power in Brussels to fight for their interests.

"Whitehall seems happy for Europe to deal with the regional management of wildfowl but then it wants to do everything else itself," Tony Davies, of Yorkshire and Humberside regional association, said.

Britain nevertheless is lagging behind much of the Community in regional lobbying. Each German state has a Brussels office which operates almost like a national representative, lobbying for local interests, winning contracts for local firms and claiming every scrap of Community aid available. England's lack of clear regions has made it more difficult to organise.

A Foreign Office source assured delegates that the Government had "an underlying commitment and excitement about Europe". But he gave a warning against too much expectation and enthusiasm for the next moves towards European integration.

European elections, page 1

Majority of birds 'flying towards extinction'

By Nick Nuttall, Environment Correspondent

MORE than 6,000 of the world's 9,600 known bird species are suffering a serious decline in numbers, an environmental think-tank claims. Habitat destruction, pesticides, overhunting, industrial pollution and the introduction of alien animals are pushing species to the brink, a report by the Washington-based Worldwatch Institute said.

At least 1,000 species, including the Philippine eagle, the resplendent quetzal of Central America, the Galapagos flightless cormorant and the smallest known amphibian, have endangered.

Falling bird populations, [illegible] finches, warblers, [illegible] species, including birds of prey, play a key role in curbing insects and rodents. Others pollinate plants.

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Whitethroat warblers, which breed in Britain, have fallen in number by three-quarters in recent years as their African wintering homes turn to desert.

Acidification of rivers and lakes is also killing the insects and fish on which some species survive.

Under the biodiversity treaty, signed at the Rio Earth Summit in 1992, nations pledged to curb losses of animal and plant species. Britain will publish its commitment today.

The report offers little hope that the decline will be reversed, particularly in the developing world.



The Philippine eagle is one of a thousand species facing extinction worldwide

News in brief

Boy drowns in bucket of nappies

A 15-month-old boy drowned in 4 in of water after tumbling headfirst into a nappy bucket. Yesterday the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents called on manufacturers to make the buckets safer.

Darren Halliday, who had been walking for only a few weeks, wandered into the kitchen of his home at Blyth, Northumberland, on Saturday while his father sat in the lounge and his mother Sandie Brown, 21, visited a neighbour. "We think he must have reached in and fallen," Miss Brown said.

RoSPA said the accident showed how easily the lids could be removed. "Perhaps manufacturers could investigate making them more secure. We have child-proof locks on cupboards and drawers, so why not on nappy buckets?"

Asylum plea

Eight Kurds found in a lorry at the M1 Toddington service area, Bedfordshire, are seeking political asylum. The Dutch driver has been charged in connection with smuggling illegal immigrants.

School special

British Rail has agreed to stop an afternoon Hull to Scarborough service at the village of Hutton Cranswick so that three schoolchildren returning from Beverley do not have to wait an hour for a train.

Player fined

The Tottenham footballer Jason Dozzell, 26, was fined £500 and banned from driving for a year by Ipswich magistrates after admitting drink-driving in the town centre.

Children hurt

More than 30 children were taken to hospital with cuts and bruises after two buses collided at Drumchapel, Glasgow. None was seriously injured.

Thirsty work

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Britons 'grow up too fast'

By John O'Leary, Education Editor

YOUNG Britons grow up quicker than their counterparts in Germany, but are more likely to make damaging career mistakes as a result, according to an international study published today.

Researchers at universities in Britain and Germany have identified differences between the two countries in their report *Becoming Adults in England and Germany*.

They claim that their conclusions underline the need for distinct policies on vocational education and training. Between the ages of 17 and 21, Britons were more likely than Germans to have finished their education, sought employment and left home. Acquiring qualifications did not assume a high priority.

In Germany the transition from education to work was more extended because higher education or vocational training had become the norm.

The research involved City University and the universities of Bielefeld, Bremen, Liverpool and Surrey.

☐ *Becoming Adults in England and Germany* (£18 from Anglo-German Foundation 15 Albion Close, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset BH12 3LL).

Keene on Chess

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Barbican leads

After six rounds of the national teams league in Cheltenham, the Barbican team from London leads with 10 match points out of a possible 12.

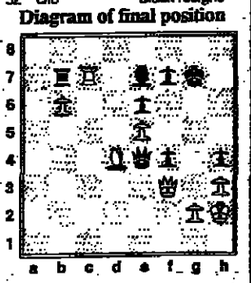
Adams under pressure

Michael Adams' prospects in the Fide championship suffered a blow when he lost in game six to Belorussian grandmaster Gelfand.

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Diagram of final position



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INVESTORS IN PEOPLE

Hurd faces grilling on key arms-to-Iraq talks

BY MICHAEL DYNES
WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

■ The Foreign Secretary will be asked today to say how much he knew about relaxed guidelines on arms exports

DOUGLAS Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, will today face a series of taxing questions designed to illuminate how much he knew about Britain's contribution towards the re-arming of Iraq.

Mr Hurd chaired the meeting in July 1990 that agreed to relax the arms export guidelines two weeks before Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. He will be asked by Lord Justice Scott how the guidelines operated when he became Foreign Secretary in October 1989.

The July meeting, described by Baroness Thatcher as a meeting of "an ad-hoc group of ministers" when she gave evidence to the enquiry in December, also approved the export of Matrix Churchill machine tools capable of manufacturing missiles and shells.

Lord Justice Scott will want to know whether the July decision was merely an attempt to legitimise an earlier decision taken in December 1988 by three junior ministers to relax the 1985 Howe arms export guidelines governing the sale of defence equipment to Iran and Iraq. It is understood that a briefing paper made for the July meeting, known as the Iraq note, made no mention of any decision by the junior ministers to relax the guidelines. But the Cabinet Office has declined to publish the full text of the paper, although a copy has been submitted to the enquiry.

Mr Hurd will be asked about a series of intelligence reports warning ministers and officials that British-made machine tools were being used to help to provide Iraq with an independent armaments-making capability.

The intelligence reports also warned of an elaborate Iraqi procurement network operating in Britain that was trying to secure components for Baghdad's nuclear weapons programme.

Mr Hurd will also face questions about the public interest immunity certificate signed by Tristan Garel-Jones, the Foreign Office Minister, when Mr Hurd was out of the country. The certificate sought to prevent the release of secret government documents during the trial of three Matrix Churchill defendants at the Old Bailey in November 1992, proving that ministers knew of and encouraged exports of defence equipment to Iraq.

Mr Hurd later wrote to John Major, shortly after his appointment as Prime Minister, warning him that the release of the secret documents could seriously embarrass the government.

He told Mr Major that the media were likely to make the "unhelpful" accusation that the Government had covertly breached its own export guidelines.

Lord Justice Scott is also expected to ask Mr Hurd how much he knew about the use of Jordan as a diversionary route for the export of defence equipment that was ultimately destined for Iraq. The enquiry has already heard evidence that the Foreign Office had been suspicious of Jordan's role as a front for Iraqi procurement activities.

After the letter written by Mr Major to Lord Justice Scott explaining that ministers are ultimately responsible for the acts of civil servants, excluding those "which the minister disapproves and has no prior knowledge of," Mr Hurd is also expected to be questioned about his understanding of the convention of ministerial responsibility.

That would suggest that some ministers involved in the arms-to-Iraq affair could be held responsible if civil servants drafted answers which misled Parliament or if they failed to pass on vital intelligence information.

□ Mr Hurd was told yesterday that the Diplomatic Service was threatened by a brain drain. During an unprecedented meeting of the Foreign Office's London staff, held in the restored Durbar Court, Mr Hurd was told that staff were leaving the Diplomatic Service because of declining pay and conditions.



Hurd: will be asked how guidelines operated

New incapacity test to take 280,000 off invalidity benefit

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ABOUT 280,000 people who now claim invalidity benefit will lose their entitlement to the payment within three years, the Government admitted yesterday.

As Peter Lilley put up a robust defence for the tough new medical assessment, officials disclosed that 70,000 potential claimants would not be eligible for the incapacity benefit when it is introduced in 1995. In addition 280,000 existing claimants would lose their entitlement following a medical review within the first two to three years.

The Social Security Secretary also told MPs that 90,000 people would be added to unemployment figures in 1995-96 and 190,000 the following year. Officials confirmed that by the third year 200,000 extra people would join the unemployment register as a result of the invalidity benefit changes. This will be offset by restricting unemployment benefit to six months, which is expected to knock about 100,000 off the dole queue.

Opening the second reading debate for the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) Bill, Mr Lilley said the current system was open to abuse. Over the past ten years the number of people claiming invalidity benefit had doubled, driving up the cost in real terms from £2.7 billion to £6.1 billion, last year. There has been cases of people on invalidity benefit enjoying cycling holidays, winning javelin contests and cleaning windows at the same office they were claiming from, Mr Lilley said. "Those who are working for a modest wage resent seeing neighbours — apparently as fit as themselves — living on invalidity benefit."

He insisted that the new medical test for incapacity benefit would be simpler, more objective and easier to apply than the current one.

Mr Lilley also announced that he would publish the results of a pilot study on the new medical test this spring before bringing forward secondary legislation, so that MPs could make an informed judgment.

Matthew Banks, Tory MP for Southport, reminded Mr Lilley of the abandonment of the Grand National in April last year after two false starts. "The man who waved the flag at the Grand National was actually on invalidity benefit," Mr Banks said. To laughter, Mr Lilley replied: "I obviously cannot comment on individual cases — but I have to say that in that case there was some evidence of incapacity to perform that particular task."

Donald Dewar, the shadow Social Security Secretary, condemned the Bill as mean-minded and accused the Tories of targeting the most vulnerable in society.

Labour sets tax limits on welfare reforms

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR'S social justice commission is to take account of taxation to make sure that its proposals for the welfare state can be paid for.

At a private session in Oxford this weekend, the commission will look at the broad tax implications of policies which are expected to form the backbone of the next Labour manifesto. The commission yesterday played down reports of a conflict between its work and that of a new social policy group set up by the Labour Party, although both sides are keen to keep a healthy distance.

The policy group, chaired by David Blunkett, the shadow Health Secretary, is to draw up detailed manifesto proposals over the next two years taking account of the commission's recommendations, while not being bound by them. The group will be particularly wary if the commission proposes tax rises when Labour is exploiting the Tory tax record.

The weekend session will focus on what parts of the work undertaken over the past 18 months should go into the commission's final report. Sir Gordon Borrie, the commission's chairman, has predicted that it will come up with radical proposals, given the widespread inequalities uncovered by the commission so far.

The commission's final recommendations will be submitted to the Labour Party in the summer but its report will not be published until after the party conference in the autumn. Policy decisions on tax and benefits are expected to be put to the party's 1996 conference.

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: health, Prime Minister. Finance Bill, second reading.
Lords (2.30): Statutory Sick Pay Bill, committee.

Spending watchdog turns on quangos

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS will face Tory-led demands next week to take a firmer hold of the growing number of quangos in public service. Rising fears about slack management, incompetent financial dealing and the risk of corruption in the public sector will lead to warnings by MPs of the dangers of the Government's "hands off" approach.

Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, and John Redwood, the Welsh Secretary, will face intense pressure to tighten up management procedures after organisations under their control have been found guilty of massive waste and poor management.

The Conservative-dominated Public Accounts Committee has been astonished by a succession of cases in which public bodies have been found to have wasted millions of pounds and to have behaved incompetently. For the first time, the all-party committee, the Commons watchdog on public spending, will produce a detailed report warning ministers of a decline in standards in public service and calling for tighter controls.

A Tory member of the committee said the MPs had been "astounded by the lack of control on some of these bodies whose standards have gone down and down. Standards must be maintained rigidly otherwise there is no accountability at all. Often there is simply incompetence but we have to guard against the risks of corruption."

A Labour colleague added: "We have said, 'enough is enough'. It is no good these cases keep coming to us after they have happened. We want ministers to make sure they don't happen in the first place."

Some 1,300 organisations are now listed as "non-departmental bodies", ranging from the National Rivers Authority to Ofgas, the gas industry watchdog.

For love, or money

BY NICHOLAS WOOD

WEALTHY parents whose busy lives leave them little time for their children were taken to task by John Redwood yesterday.

The Welsh Secretary warned affluent workaholics that they were mistaken if they thought that material advantages could compensate for lack of parental love and support. Their children were at risk of doing less well at school than those of humbler backgrounds.

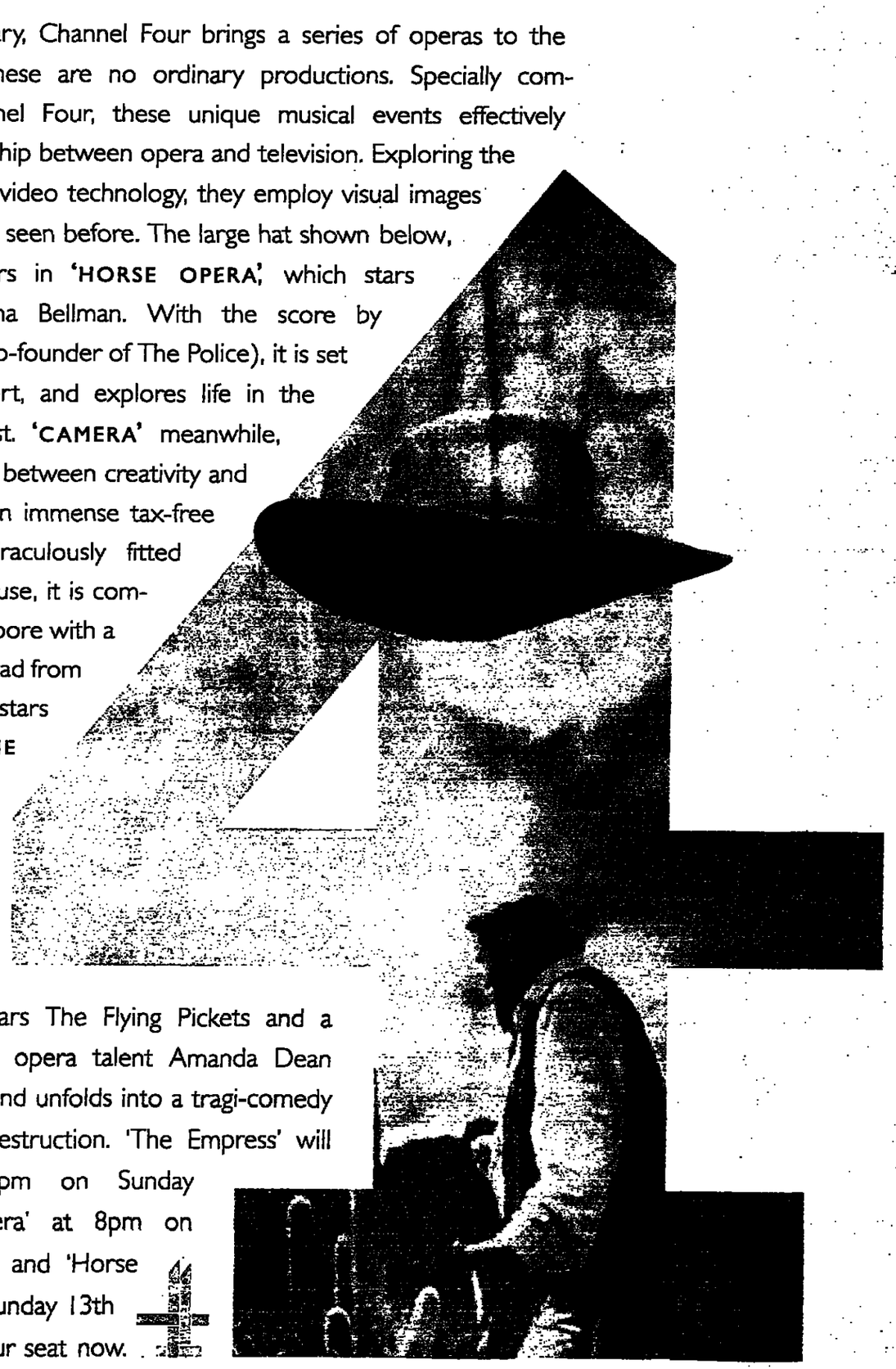
Mr Redwood's warning came as he set ambitious new academic targets for schools in the principality. By 1997, he wanted 80 per cent of 16-year-olds to achieve the equivalent of at least four GCSE passes. By the year 2000 he wanted 50 per cent of 18-year-olds to obtain the equivalent of two A-level passes. At present, only 41 per cent achieved at least four GCSE C-grades and only 21 per cent two or more A-levels.

Mr Redwood, the son of an accounts clerk and a shop manageress and the only PhD in the Cabinet, dismissed as "condescending" the argument that a school's exam results were determined by the quality of its intake.

Mr Redwood also demanded tougher action by schools to cut truancy.

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Tax hits home as higher bills land on doorstep



Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, highlighting the cost of Tory tax policies at a Labour press conference yesterday

How to ease the burden of Clarke Budget measures

By Lindsay Cook
Deputy Business Editor

■ In April mortgage payers face a triple tax whammy as the loan interest relief rate is reduced, their take-home pay is cut and VAT is charged on fuel. How can the damage be limited?

My mortgage lender sent me details of the payments for the year earlier this month. Will the payments change again in April?

Yes. Most lenders that operate annual review or budget mortgage schemes have already notified borrowers of payment reductions to take account of the base rate reduction in November. At the Nationwide, for example, borrowers' payments will be reduced to the 7.74 per cent standard rate from February 1. In the coming weeks the society will send letters telling borrowers how much more they will have to pay because of the reduction of mortgage tax relief from 25 per cent to 20 per cent. This will happen again next year when the rate is reduced again from 20 per cent to 15 per cent.

How much will the payments increase?

For most people who have a mortgage of £30,000 or more payments will go up by £10 a month. It will be slightly more for those with endowment mortgages, because tax relief is paid on the full £30,000 loan with an endowment, but only on capital remaining with a repayment loan.

Most borrowers with the Halifax will have their payments changed once as the society coincidentally changes payments under its Budget-plan scheme in April. On a £40,000 loan there will be little difference. Those with a £30,000 loan will pay more, and above £40,000 the interest rate cut will amount to more than the tax change. Those borrowers who are not on an annual review scheme will also get letters telling them of increased payments.

Will any lenders wait until next year to increase the monthly payments to take account of the Miras change?

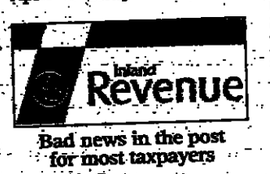
It is unlikely that any building society or bank will delay changing payments in April as the Inland Revenue will expect more money from lenders immediately. They would therefore have to subsidise borrowers to delay the implementation.

Is there any way I can cut my mortgage payments to compensate for the change?

Most lenders offer fixed-rate mortgages over two, three, five years or even longer and will allow borrowers with good payment records to switch, if the loan will not be for more than 95 per cent of the current value of the property. At Nationwide, someone with a £40,000 repayment loan would be paying £262.33 a month. On a two-year fixed-rate loan at 5.99 per cent payments would fall to £228.71; a £200 arrangement fee is charged. Over three years at 6.45 per cent the payments would be £237.30.

My tax code is very much lower than last year. Could it be wrong?

Yes. Anyone who did not send back the tax return issued last April is likely to lose any



Bad news in the post for most taxpayers

allowances he or she receives in addition to the single person's tax allowance of £3,445. Married men or women who claim the married couple's allowance of £1,720 will find that it is missing altogether from the tax codings issued. To get the allowance restored, last year's tax return must be sent to the Inland Revenue before the end of this financial year on April 5. In most cases allowances are lower because of the restriction of the value of the married couple's allowance to 20 per cent and higher tax on company cars.

Are there any other allowances I might be eligible for?

The Inland Revenue negotiates flat-rate allowances with trade unions and professional associations to cover the cost of tools or equipment. There are also professional bodies whose membership fees are tax deductible. It is worth checking with employers or professional associations or trade unions of which you are a member whether any might apply to you. Those who have never claimed for such allowances or membership fees can claim back for up to six years from the Inland Revenue.

I am a higher rate taxpayer and my tax code has been reduced for extra tax due on savings. The amount seems to be wrong. Can I appeal against this?

If the amount is too much because the interest earned was less than the Revenue has estimated, you should contact your local tax office. These are listed in telephone books under Inland Revenue. Those who have already received a notice of tax coding may have a contact number on that.

Is it possible to avoid VAT on fuel bills by paying early?

Those who make payments on gas or electricity bills before March 25 should avoid VAT being charged at 8 per cent. Some electricity companies have already sent out leaflets advising how to do this. British Gas will allow early payments but has not published any leaflets encouraging them.

It is worthwhile paying early if the money would otherwise be in a bank or building society earning a much lower return. However, if it puts the customer into the red at the bank it is not worthwhile. It would be a costly mistake to make a large payment by credit card unless it was paid off by the due date.

Could I pay for bills beyond April 1995?

The companies will set the amount paid against bills as they occur. The VAT on fuel will rise to 17.5 per cent from April next year. No savings account returns that much, but no interest will be paid on the money in the intervening period. If interest rates paid by banks and building societies increased, then the customer could miss out by paying early as more than a year's interest has to be foregone.

Chancellor finds facts get in the way at Treasury

Kenneth Clarke is finding it much harder to bluster as Chancellor of the Exchequer than he did in his previous jobs. At the Treasury the facts get in the way. His recent performances have been shallow and unconvincing. The problem, as John Smith and Gordon Brown have argued, is one of trust. The Tories offered a false prospectus on tax and spending before the election.

The tax burden will rise over the next five years to sort out problems created by Cabinets of which Mr Clarke was a member. Tax changes in the late 1980s reduced receipts from personal and company taxes and pre-election decisions boosted spending. Together with the recession, these fuelled the big jump in the Budget deficit. The subsequent corrective fiscal measures, initiated by Norman Lamont and taken further by Mr Clarke, are mainly to offset these deliberate changes in policy. The Treasury assumes that resumed growth will reverse the unfavourable impact of the recession.

MODEL ON EVENTS



Healey: claims by Clarke are wrong

Having created the mess, the Government has to clear it up. The argument is about the balance between tax increases and spending cuts. A tight squeeze has been imposed on public sector pay, and neither the Cabinet nor Tory MPs have shown the will for the further spending cuts which John Townend and others on the right would like. That leaves higher taxes. The latest row has forced the Treasury publicly to admit the scale of the tax increases which it hoped to disguise by not altering marginal rates.

Total taxes, as a percentage of national income, will be higher in the late 1990s than they ever were under Labour. Most families will pay more in taxes from April than in 1978-79. The big drop in marginal rates obviously matters, as does the rise in real earnings. Most people are better off now but, apart from the wealthy, that is no thanks to tax cuts.

Mr Clarke has got himself in a hopeless mess about the Labour tax cuts. He needs to brief himself better on the details before talking. His claim that Denis Healey cut income tax when he had 15 per cent inflation and rising levels of unemployment is wrong.

In the first half of 1978, the annual inflation rate fell to nearly 8 per cent and unemployment declined then to a little over half current levels. Labour certainly left a fiscal mess in May 1979, but that was primarily because of the acceleration of public sector pay following the winter of discontent. The consequent rise in borrowing had to be offset by the increase in the tax burden of the early 1980s.

Mr Clarke likes to parade his candour. He supports a European form of welfare state, which limits any roll-back of the public sector. So he would have been more honest to admit that there is little chance of a big cut in the tax burden if public borrowing is to be contained.

The debate is really about changes at the margin and questions of distribution. It may be reasonable for him to claim that at any period taxes would be higher under Labour than under the Conservatives. Labour has traditionally been the party of the public sector.

That amounts to saying that we both sin, but you will always be the bigger sinner. It does not, however, alter the fact that the Conservatives' record on the relative share of taxes, though not living standards, is worse than Labour's. Mr Clarke cannot argue his way out of that.

Peter Riddell

Labour warns of 'dosh cosh' threatening Britain

By Alice Thomson
Political Reporter

TAXATION will keep rising over the next five years, adding billions of pounds to the nation's tax burden, the Labour party said yesterday.

Intensifying its attack on the Government's taxation policy, Labour released figures which it said proved that the Tories' plan to raise taxes each year until 1999. The party's Treasury spokesman, Andrew Smith, said: "There is what you call a dosh cosh, which is going to hit people this year. Once they are hit by that dosh cosh they will never trust the Tories on taxation or anything else."

Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, said the statistics showed that the Conservative tax increases would be "no mere blip".

Mr Brown said that his analysis was based on Treasury statistics. His figures show taxes rising to 35.5 per cent of national income this year (from £213.5 billion to £237 billion); to 37 per cent next year (to £263 billion); to 37.5 per cent the year after (£283 billion); to 38 per cent in 1997-98 (£303 billion) and to 38.5 per cent in 1998-99 (£321 billion). "After taking into account growth and inflation the tax take for the coming five years is £67 billion higher than previously planned and the biggest tax demand in history," he said.

Even if the Chancellor reduced the basic rate of income tax by 1p in the pound, people would still be paying more tax under the Tories because of the way they had changed allowances, Mr Brown said. He rejected the claim by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, that under Labour taxes would be much higher. According to Labour the highest tax take as a proportion of national income under a Labour Government was 36.75 per cent.

Pledging that a future Labour government would "tax fairly" to pay for schemes to expand the economy, the shadow Chancellor said: "The reason the Tories cannot deliver lower taxes is not because they are paying for better public services but because of the bills for high unemployment."

Ms Harman said that the Prime Minister had misled MPs when he said last Tuesday in the Commons: "It is absolutely clear that the standard rates of tax under the Conservative Party have dropped dramatically since the Opposition were in Government." According to Ms Harman, "the Tories have tricked people by reducing income tax rates but cutting the amount of tax-free income for an ordinary family." Her figures for a married couple with one earner on £19,460, a mortgage of £30,000 and two children show that under the Conservatives from this April they will pay 10.7 per cent of their earnings on income tax (excluding National Insurance contributions). Under Labour in 1978-79 they paid 9.6 per cent.

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War of the Socialist widows shakes pillars of Ostpolitik


Seebacher-Brandt: found plot to oust Chancellor

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

■ A feud at the height of the Cold War between SPD heroes Willy Brandt and Herbert Wehner has resurfaced and threatens the party's chances of ousting Helmut Kohl

A FURIOUS dispute between two politicians' widows has unnerved Germany's opposition Social Democrats as the party embarks on a nine-month election campaign to dislodge Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor.

The argument is between Brigitte Seebacher-Brandt, widow of Willy Brandt, the former Chancellor, and Greta Wehner, widow of Herbert Wehner, a key figure in postwar German politics. Recently opened security police documents seem to show that Wehner, commonly regarded as the left-wing conscience of his party, denounced his colleagues while in wartime exile in Moscow.

Frau Seebacher-Brandt, a respected historian, contributed to this debunking process when she discovered secret handwritten notes by her husband indicating that Wehner had been involved in toppling him as Chancellor, that he openly criticised Brandt on a visit to the Kremlin and that he maintained separate links with the East German regime.

Wehner's long-standing assistant, Karl Wienand, is under investigation for working for the East German Stasi spy service, and Frau Seebacher-Brandt has not been shy in suggesting that Wehner himself, perhaps unwittingly, might have served the East.

Frau Wehner has hit back. "Herbert served his country with passion," she wrote in an open letter. There was no question, she said, of her husband (who died in 1990) dealing in an underhanded way with the Communists. "Herbert's private papers show that he informed Willy about everything." The feud shows every sign of developing into a venomous *Dallas*-style showdown. It could not have come at a worse time for the Social Democrats, who have been trying to project a confident and united new image. Some Social Democrats are even trying to expel Brandt's widow from the party. The issues raised touch at the heart of Ostpolitik. The policy of quietly dealing with the regime of Erich Honecker, and in effect propping him up, has never been so exposed. Wehner was a well-received visitor to East Germany.

Wehner provided a flow of messages to the East Germans — not as a spy but as a conspiratorial politician. Yet Brandt was also in constant contact with the East Germans: as Mayor of West Berlin between 1957 and 1966 he regularly sent an assistant to secret rendezvous with the East Germans. Although he may not have been aware of it, his main contact in the east at that time was controlled by the Stasi.

The sensitivity of the Ostpolitik issue came to light recently in the critical reaction to Timothy Garton Ash's *In Europe's Name*. Although well received by German politicians on both the centre-left and centre-right, its criticism of the management and design of Ostpolitik raised serious questions about German policy in East Europe. Mr Garton Ash said the conciliatory policy towards the East was conducted on the level of elites and could not cope with unexpected changes from below, such as the rise of Poland's Solidarity union. The book highlighted the problems Germany faced in trying to stabilise East European regimes while also urging democratic reform. The comments were directed mainly at the Social Democrats and thus drew some protests from the left.

The Brandt-Wehner feud has raised new questions: how far did the Social Democrats serve the East German or Soviet cause? How witting was this co-operation? These have to be answered to sort out German priorities in East Europe. The suspicion in Bonn is that President Clinton's Ostpolitik is taking a similar tack to the German policies of the 1970s and 1980s: supporting with money and rhetoric a Russian leader in the hope that a benign regime would speed progress towards democracy and the free market. Should Bonn, aware of the shortcomings of its earlier Ostpolitik, support the US line or develop its specific policies in the East?


Wehner: denied husband was used by Communists

French press for imposed peace as West weighs painful consequences of pullout

Hurd seeks swift verdict on Bosnia withdrawal

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, AND JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO


General Jean Cot, left, introducing Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose as the new UN commander in Bosnia at a Sarajevo airport press conference

BRITAIN yesterday began a week of intensive negotiations on what Whitehall officials called the "agonisingly difficult decision" on whether British and other Western forces should remain in Bosnia.

Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, spoke to Alain Juppé, the French Foreign Minister, who had spent the morning in Paris discussing a possible pullout with Warren Christopher, the visiting American Secretary of State. Next Monday Mr Hurd flies to New York and Washington to consult Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, and Mr Christopher. He also hopes to meet Canadian and Spanish ministers.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, will visit Bosnia in two weeks time to assess the implications of a withdrawal, underlining the dilemma facing the British Government. Mr Hurd believes that Britain plays a pivotal role, and withdrawal could have a devastating effect not only on the maintenance of the main aid route into central Bosnia but on the other UN forces inside the country that depend on military supplies coming along the British-guarded route. Mr Hurd told M Juppé, who is also calling for a fundamental reassessment of the Bosnian operation, that there could be no fudge. British troop strengths would not be reduced or cut by stealth: they would either stay or all leave together. Military commanders in Bosnia anticipate a possible furious reaction from a desperate local population.

Mr Hurd wants a decision within the next few weeks, because long notice has to be given for withdrawal or for a rotation of British troops, due in May. British commanders are frustrated that so little aid was getting through at such huge cost, but have resolutely opposed punitive air strikes, saying these could not change the warring parties' political attitudes and might endanger the forces on the ground.

Mr Hurd is now drawing up a stark list of the perils of either staying or leaving. Any withdrawal, he will argue with the allies he is to meet, must look at how many extra lives would be lost and the hardship this would cause other forces remaining: it must assess the political uproar at home and from aid agencies; and it must anticipate a big upsurge in fighting as the restraining presence of UN forces is removed. Against this, Mr Hurd will argue that in the long term allied forces could not remain in Bosnia; that the aid effort was distorting the dynamics of the war and preventing a clear-cut outcome; and that the costs involved were too high for the aid delivered.

The French government pressed the United States to join in a new attempt to impose peace through negotiation and possible air strikes, but the Americans said they would not change their stance. Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister, and other French officials told Mr Christopher that France believed urgent action was needed to extract the Bosnian peace effort from what they called its "impasse". Although the Americans professed confusion over the aim of France's "new thinking" on Bosnia, it is clear that the Balladur government wants the Americans to join in strikes in support of UN forces as part of an effort to push the belligerents, and particularly the Serbs, towards a ceasefire.

As the political talks proceeded in Paris, Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose assumed command of the 13,000-man UN operation yesterday amid tight security at Sarajevo airport. He reiterated the need for peacekeeping troops to be able to rely on quick support from Nato warplanes in carrying out their mission. Conspicuously, no relief officials attended the ceremony.

The former SAS officer, who replaces Belgian Lieutenant General Francis Briquemont, who left the post early after criticising UN resolutions, said he was not disagreeing with his predecessor. As Sir Michael took over UN command there were reports of heavy artillery fire in Prozor, a Croat stronghold southwest of Vitez, where the main British base is located. Many of the Muslim families living in Prozor were driven out in a fierce "ethnic cleansing" operation by Croats in 1992. British UN sources also said that Gornji Vakuf, which has been the focus of heavy fighting between Croats and Muslims, was hit by artillery fire. Both Gornji Vakuf and Prozor are strategically important towns for the UN humanitarian aid mission because they straddle Route Diamond, the road that runs from Split in Croatia to central Bosnia.

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France awaits puff of smoke from Communist conclave


Marchais: society of the future will be communist

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

If the ghost of Lenin needs respite from the affronts being heaped on his memory in Moscow, it would do well to drop in on Paris this week to witness the change of leadership at the last big European party to revere his name.

With all the pomp and antique ritual inherited from Lenin's Kremlin, the French Communist Party is holding its 28th Congress to anoint a successor to Georges Marchais, 73, who is resigning after 21 years in office.

In keeping with tradition, no inkling of the dauphin's identity has leaked from the party's bunker-like seat on the Place Colonel Fabien in the proletarian 20th arrondissement and *L'Humanité*, the party daily, considers the topic taboo. "It is like the Vatican. You are reduced to looking at the colour of the smoke," said Jean-Pierre Brard, the Communist mayor of the Paris suburb of Montreuil, one of the band of dissident reformers excluded from the centre of power.

It might hardly seem worth waiting for the puff, given the relentless slide in the party's fortunes since the 1970s, when it used to take nearly a quarter of the vote and stirred alarm in Washington. However, it still attracts nearly one in ten French voters and the dogged faith of party loyalists offers a fascinating study in the denial of history.

While the Italian and Spanish "Euro-Communists" have scrambled for new names and identities, the French party, like its smaller Portuguese brother, has clung proudly to its title and the notion of class struggle.

Like Fidel Castro, M Marchais and the bulk of the central committee groomed by him say they believe communism is merely weathering a setback on the road to a still radiant future. Capitalism, M Marchais insists, is suffering deep crisis. "Socialism in the East has failed, but capitalism is not the future," he told the American press this month. "We must go towards a new society, and we believe it will be a communist society."

Reformist apostates such as Charles Fiterman and Anicet le Pors, who both served as ministers in the early 1980s, when President Mitterrand brought the party briefly into government, are hoping that the departure of M Marchais will open windows to change.

The extent of the party's subservience to Moscow has been documented recently with the opening of the archives of the KGB and the Soviet party's international department and memoirs by dissident officials. As well as helping to finance the party, the Russians trained its apparatchiks and had a say in all its big decisions. M Marchais's backing for the invasion of Afghanistan in 1980, his affection for Nicolae Ceausescu, the Romanian dictator, and his long refusal to condemn the Kremlin's "errors" further discredited it in the public eye.

Despite all that, however, the reformists are far from sure of carrying the day at the congress this week. Whittled down to a hard core of militant believers, the party appears determined to wage the old fight, exploiting the despair of French workers over unemployment and the deep recession and the unpopularity of the defeated Socialist government.

Banker shot by Marxist terrorists in Athens

Athens: Gunmen yesterday shot and critically wounded a former banker who played a key part in the sale of a Greek cement concern to Italy's Feruzzi group (John Carr writes). The deal has been under investigation here and in Milan.

Witnesses said two attackers shot Michalis Vranopoulos at close range as he emerged from an armour-plated BMW outside his office. Police said an examination of cartridge cases at the scene showed the attack to be the work of the "November 17" terrorist group, a shadowy Marxist organisation.

Mr Vranopoulos resigned as governor of the state-run National Bank of Greece after the Socialist government was elected last October.

Stalin appeal

Moscow: Svetlana Alliluyeva, daughter of Soviet dictator Josef Stalin, has appealed for her father to be reburied at his birthplace in the Georgian town of Gori, after plans to remove Lenin, the state founder, from his mausoleum in Red Square. *(Reuter)*

Kabul toll rises

Kabul: The number of deaths during the first 21 days of this year in the factional fighting between forces for and against President Rabbani of Afghanistan was estimated at 700. The Red Cross reported that 9,593 casualties were admitted to hospitals. *(AFP)*

Bargain castles

Budapest: Hungary is to auction some 250 castles, mansions and hunting lodges in a drive to privatise unproductive and sometimes dilapidated state property. Prices are likely to be as low as £35,000 in the sale in late March or early April. *(Reuter)*

Embargo fear

London: The Government is investigating reports that British and Turkish businessmen are negotiating to send British mercenaries to Azerbaijan. A British arms embargo is in operation against the former Soviet republic.

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Bare hunt

Vienna: Five male skiers who took to the slopes nude in sub-zero temperatures caused havoc for several hours at a ski resort in the Austrian Tyrol. Police said they gave chase but caught only one. *(AFP)*

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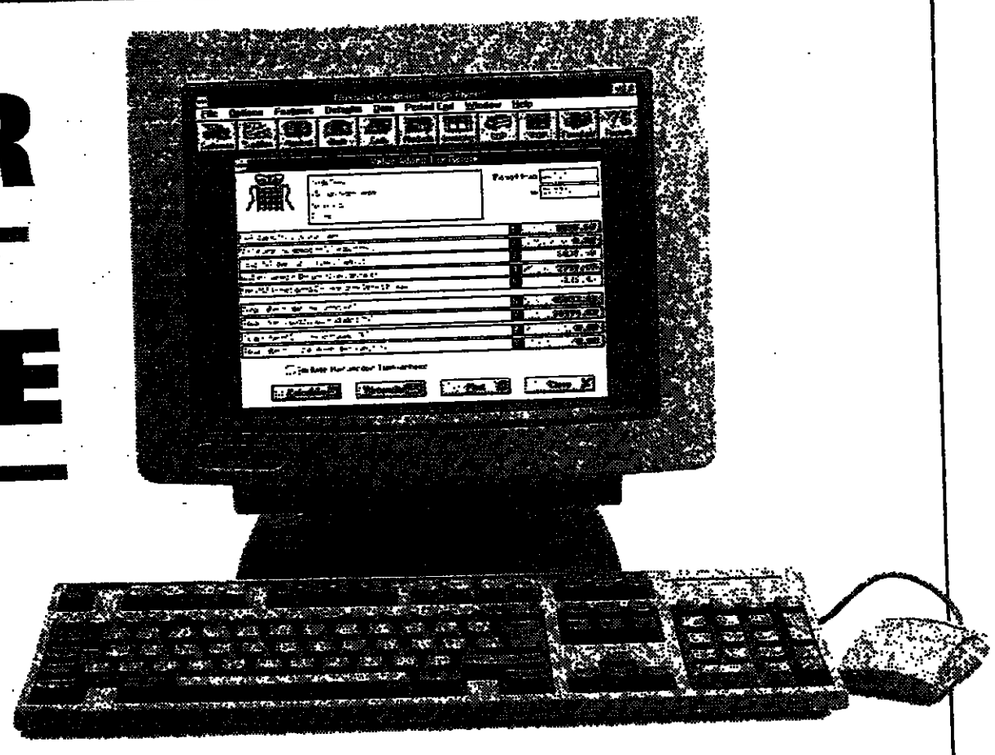
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Eleventh-hour flap for Clinton as he picks defence chief

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

■ The White House team is invoking the loyalty test to fill the Pentagon slot. Yet the President appears to have forced it on somebody whose heart is not in the job

PRESIDENT Clinton was set to nominate William Perry, the Pentagon's second-in-command, as his Defence Secretary last night, with hopes of ending an almost farcical search for a successor to the ousted Les Aspin that has seen three other candidates reject the job.

Even Mr Perry's anticipated nomination was marred by a last-minute flap that threatened to compound the President's embarrassment on the eve of tonight's State of the Union address. Having become the leading contender almost by default, Mr Perry, 67, a former engineering professor, had an interview with Mr Clinton last Friday, but he dislikes the limelight and over the weekend told Mack McLarty, the President's Chief of Staff, that he was reluctant to take the job. The White House, facing a dearth of viable alternatives, immediately launched a strenuous effort to change Mr Perry's mind, including a direct appeal to his loyalty from Al Gore, the Vice-President and an old friend. By early yesterday officials were insisting Mr Perry remained "very much in the running" and "would take the job if offered".

However some, including an anonymous Cabinet secretary quoted in *The New York Times*, questioned the wisdom of trying to co-opt someone for such a crucial post whose heart might not be in the job, and Mr Aspin's sacking last month has clearly become yet another embarrassment for this accident-prone Administration.

Its carefully laid plans for a smooth transfer of power to Bobby Ray Inman were wrecked when the retired admiral abruptly withdrew his nomination, ostensibly because of harsh comments from a couple of columnists. Sam Nunn, chairman of the Senate armed services committee, and Warren Rudman, a former Republican senator, subsequently told the White House they did not want the post either.

The job's drawbacks are obvious. The new Defence Secretary must not only continue a painful contraction of the American military that goes beyond what many on the right believe is prudent, but also rebuild Pentagon and Congressional confidence in Mr Clinton's handling of national security affairs.

The affair has been a reminder of this Administration's capacity for self-inflicted wounds and the timing is unfortunate. Mr Clinton is planning to use tonight's big setpiece address to spotlight the achievements of his first year in office and to rally support for his big legislative goals this year.

Easily the biggest of those is reform of America's health care system, a massive task that Mr Clinton wants completed before next November's Congressional elections. The other big issue Mr Clinton will tonight address is violent crime, which polls show has overtaken the economy as the public's top concern.

Fears grow over plutonium safety

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

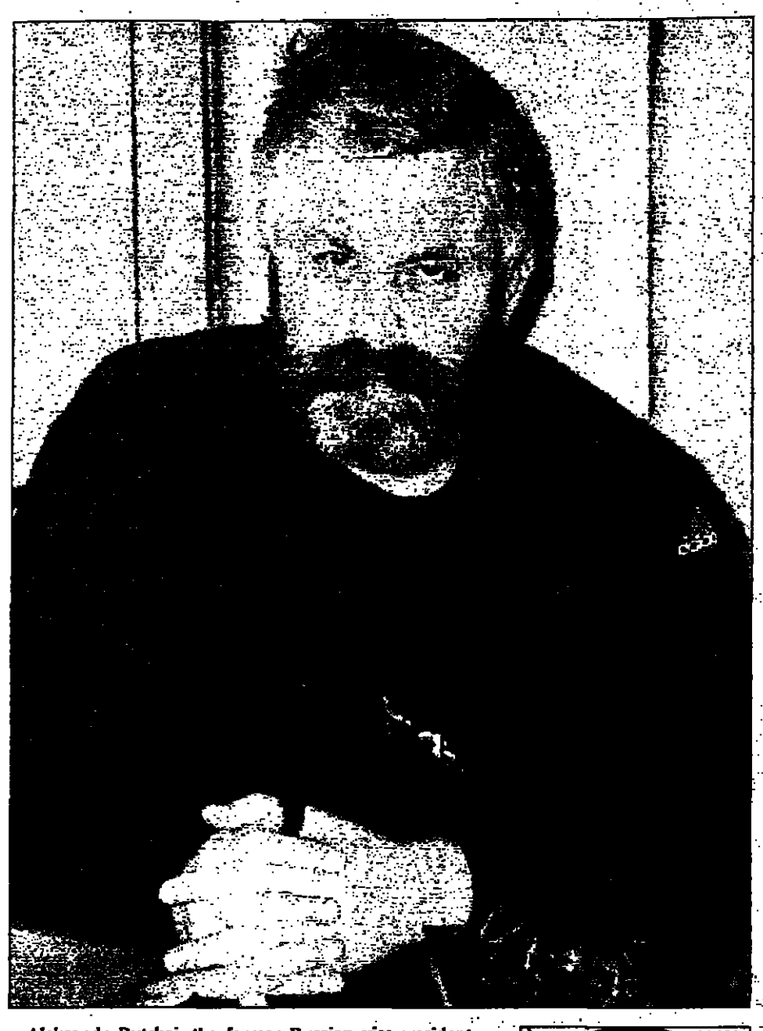
THE American Academy of Science issued a stern warning yesterday about the safety and security dangers posed by an estimated 100 tonnes of plutonium, which America and Russia are expected to accumulate in dismantling nuclear weapons.

The agency expressed particular concern about the possibility of theft of plutonium, especially in the countries of the former Soviet Union. No way has been found of disposing of plutonium and, although the CIA doubts that plutonium has yet been stolen, there have been several reports of uranium theft.

The academy said that "Western countries, including the United States, should press Russia and the other states of the former Soviet Union to take a number of steps urgently — within weeks or months, rather than years — and should be willing to provide the necessary equipment and funds."

Viktor Mikhailov, Russia's Atomic Energy Minister, has denied reports that weapons-grade fuel and even nuclear warheads are being stolen from the ministry's defence installations, Tass reported. Interior Ministry officials have said recently, however, that thieves are regularly stealing nuclear material.

Moscow reverts to old economics



Aleksandr Rutskoi, the former Russian vice-president, pictured with the beard he has grown during more than four months in Moscow's Lefortovo jail and before his detention, right. He is awaiting full charges for his part in last October's uprising against President Yeltsin (Anne McElvoy writes).

Communist deputies protested last week that Mr Rutskoi and Ruslan Khasbulatov, the former rebel Speaker of the Russian parliament, had been held for too long without any indication of a trial date. A resolution demanding their release failed. The authorities are anxious not to add another controversial case to the inconclusive trial of the 1991 coup plotters. Mr Rutskoi's family claim he has lost a "dangerous amount of weight" in the jail, formerly used by the KGB for holding opponents of the communist regime.



FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

VIKTOR Chernomyrdin, the Russian Prime Minister, hinted yesterday that his new government was considering a return to elements of the command economy, introducing fixed prices and wages "for a certain period". It was the first concrete sign of a strategy shift after last week's announcement of a conservative cabinet.

Mr Chernomyrdin, who met President Yeltsin for talks about how to counter the alarm that the changes have caused in the West, denied that reforms were in danger. He added: "The new government has only just started work and people are already burying it."

Liberals such as Yegor Gaidar, the former economics chief who resigned over Mr Chernomyrdin's handling of reform, claim the process is being undermined. Two foreign advisers to the government, Professor Jeffrey Sachs of Harvard, and Anders Aslund, a Swedish economist, have withdrawn their services. The professor said Russia was "heading for disaster".

Oblivious to the barrage of criticism, Mr Chernomyrdin said that he favoured "non-monetarist methods" to solve Russia's problems. Aleksandr Shokhin, the new Economics Minister, also sought to calm fears of a return to the centralised system, saying there would be "no return to the State Planning Committee" — the agency used by the Communists to run the Soviet economy.

President Yeltsin has meanwhile rejected the resignation of Boris Fyodorov as Finance Minister, giving the key liberal a last chance to stay in the government. Mr Fyodorov, who has wavered several times, still insists that he will not serve if conservatives are given posts more influential than his own.

Mr Fyodorov had talks with Vladimir Shcherbakov, a more conservative politician, who analysts have speculated could replace him.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pope plays the 'New Moses' for journalists

Rome: The Pope was in sparkling form when he visited the Vatican's refurbished press room for an impromptu news conference yesterday (Philip Willan writes). "They call me the new Moses," the Pope, 73, remarked in answering questions from 300 Italian and foreign journalists, referring to the more than 100 countries he has so far visited in the course of his 15-year papacy.

He was welcomed to the press room by the Vatican spokesman, Dr Joaquin Navarro-Valls, who greeted him for the occasion in his native Polish, a gesture that had the Pope cupping his hand to his ear in mock incomprehension. "He's telling me what to say," the Pope said when Dr Navarro-Valls later whispered something into his ear.

The Pope said he hoped to make a pilgrimage to the principal sites connected with the origins of Christianity, to see the places where Abraham, Moses and Jesus lived, before the year 2000. "This is the overall idea. We'll see if it can be done," he said.

Nuclear talks

Vienna: North Korean diplomats began talks with the International Atomic Energy Agency here to resolve the deadlock over outside inspection of nuclear facilities, as it was announced that Kim Byong Koo, a South Korean nuclear scientist had been appointed an adviser to the agency. *(Reuter)*

Oslo minister

Oslo: The Norwegian government has appointed Bjorn Tore Godal, 49, to replace Johan Holst, the Foreign Minister and Middle East peace negotiator who died on January 13. Mr Godal was formerly Trade and Shipping Minister. *(Reuter)*

Dental visit

Rangoon: Ne Win, 84, Burma's strongman head of state from 1962 to 1981 and leader of the ruling party until 1988, is visiting Singapore for dental and eye treatment, family sources said. They emphasised that he was otherwise in good health. *(AP)*

Actor killed

Algiers: Raymond Louzoum, 62, a Tunisian Jew who played French officers in Algerian films, has been shot dead in the shop he owned here, security forces said. He was the 26th foreigner killed since Islamic militants began to target expatriates. *(AP)*

Vote extended

Kuwait: The government has taken the first step towards enfranchising the sons of naturalised Kuwaitis, which will almost double the number of voters. At present only males over 21 with family links to Kuwait dating back to at least 1920 can vote. *(AP)*

Ship sabotaged

Fredrikstad, Norway: Activists of the American environmental group, Sea Shepherd, boarded a Norwegian whaler, the *Senet*, and tried to sink her by sabotage, the crew said. "We are trying to keep [her] afloat," one said. *(AFP)*

Death for birth

Peking: An official in Henan has been sentenced to death for taking £15,000 in bribes to issue 448 fake birth control certificates. The sterilisation certificates were sought by women to avoid strict pregnancy controls. *(Reuter)*

Italian media magnate toys with political role

FROM PHILIP WILLAN IN ROME

SILVIO Berlusconi, the Italian media magnate, continued yesterday to keep the political establishment guessing as to whether he would take a place at the hustings or provide support and encouragement for a centre-right alliance from the sidelines as Italy prepares for watershed general elections on March 27.

Signor Berlusconi has threatened repeatedly to turn his Forza Italia (Go Italy) pressure group into a political party if rightist politicians fail to unite against a well organised left-wing coalition that is favourite to form the next government. He has exploited the suspense and the resulting publicity to the full, gaining an enviable national platform for his conservative political views.

"From now on, unless a miracle happens, it is my impression that to stop the formation of a neo-communist regime it will be necessary to speak directly to all Italians of good will and to act," Signor Berlusconi, 57, said.

The entrepreneur, owner of three national television networks, a publishing company and AC Milan football club, was waiting for the outcome of talks between Mario Segni, leader of the centrist Pact for Italy, and Roberto Maroni, of the federalist Northern League, before deciding whether to enter the political fray in person rather than remain on the sidelines. Signor Segni, a reformist conservative who spearheaded a successful campaign to modify Italy's discredited system of proportional representation, said yesterday that he had reached a satisfactory political agreement with the League. Signor Segni has recently advised Signor Berlusconi not to enter politics. Emilio Colombo, the former foreign minister and a member of the newly formed Popular Party, also said yesterday that Signor Berlusconi was liable to increase the chances of the left winning the elections if he entered politics. "Such a choice would increase the divisions of the centre, which is what we are trying to avoid," he said. Many politicians have expressed anxiety at Signor Berlusconi's dominant position in the Italian media, which they fear could give him an unfair advantage in the coming general election campaign.



Berlusconi: many fear his wealth and power

He is also viewed with suspicion by mainstream politicians because of his brief membership of the clandestine Masonic lodge P2, which recruited hundreds of leading Italians with a view to overthrowing democracy and was dissolved after its discovery in 1981.

Signor Berlusconi shocked many Italians last month when he expressed support for Giancarlo Fini, a neo-fascist candidate in the forthcoming Rome mayoral election. His forays into the print medium received a setback this month when Indro Montanelli, the dean of Italian journalists, resigned from *Il Giornale* in protest at proprietorial interference.

The Pope spoke of the dangers of excessive media concentration in a message on the potential evils of television that was published by the Vatican yesterday. He said that television channels should not be at the service of private commercial interests but rather should serve "the wellbeing of society as a whole". His words will be interpreted by many Italians as an indirect reference to Signor Berlusconi.

Austrian leader calls crisis talks

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

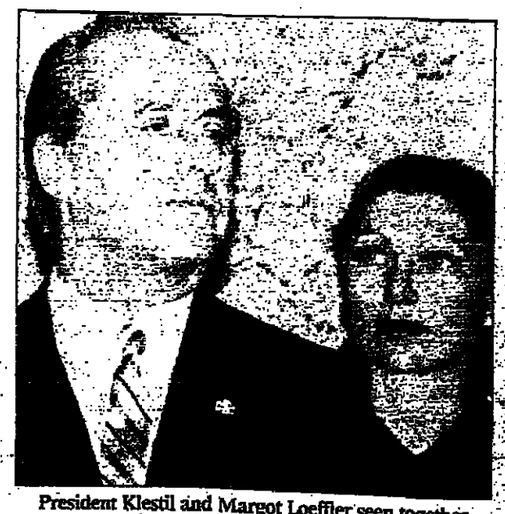
PRESIDENT Klestil of Austria, embroiled in a scandal over his affair with Margot Loeffler, 39, a civil servant, yesterday called advisers to crisis talks amid growing pressure for him to ditch his mistress or resign. Austrian conservatives, however, closed ranks around the President, insisting there was no need for him to quit.

Erhard Busek, leader of the conservative People's Party, said he still believed the affair was a "private matter", adding: "Discussion in public is not the way to restore a marriage". He dismissed as "total nonsense" suggestions that the dispute impaired Herr Klestil's role as head of state.

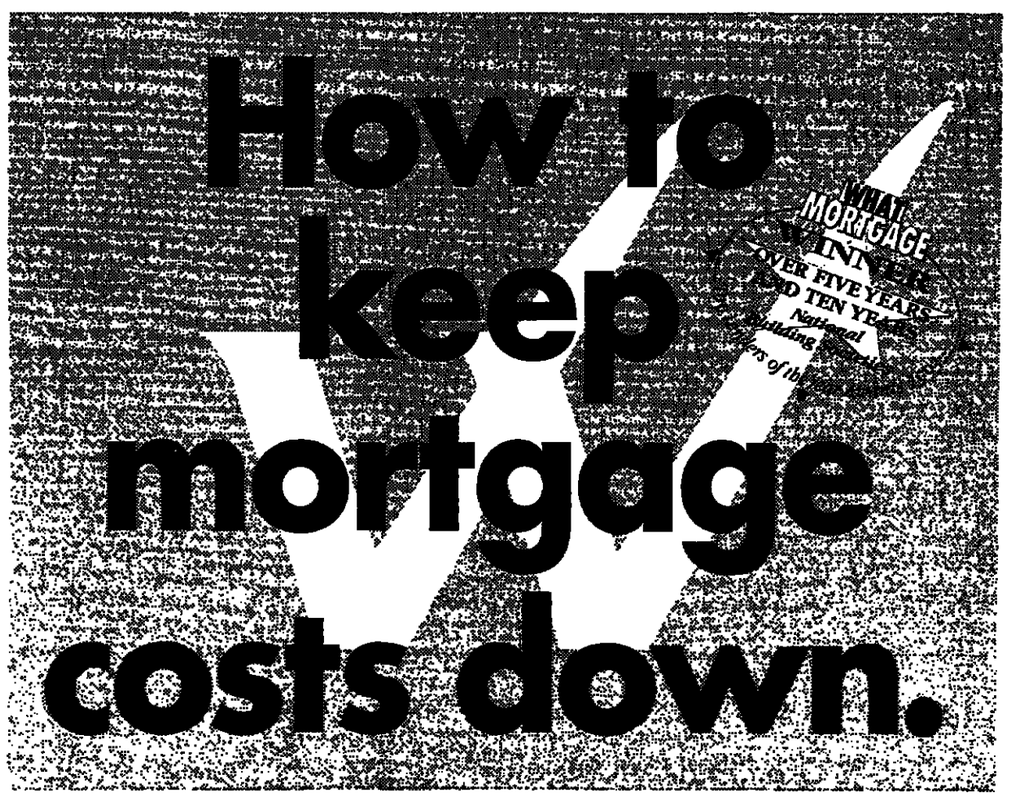
Herr Klestil's wife, Edith, said at the weekend that she had left her husband after 37 years of marriage because she felt the role of First Lady had been usurped by Frau Loeffler, an official at the Foreign Ministry and her husband's close aide.

Heinz Nussbaumer, Herr Klestil's spokesman, was not available to answer questions yesterday. An assistant said he was attending "a crisis meeting" at the presidential Hofburg Palace.

The mass-circulation *Neue Kronen-Zeitung* said Herr Klestil, 61, owed it to his office and his country to answer charges that his affair was behind the break-up of his marriage. "Public pressure on the President is growing," the tabloid said. "Klestil must face these serious charges."



President Klestil and Margot Loeffler seen together at a reception before their affair became public



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China adopts two faces in dealings with the West



Christopher and Qian: to discuss human rights

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

CHINA'S accommodation with America shows Peking has learnt that in quarrels with Washington small gestures can win big gains. But in its struggle with Britain over Hong Kong, Peking's stonewalling on even the smallest disagreement represents a punishment and a threat.

China has made several concessions to persuade President Clinton to renew the "most favoured nation" trading status next June which permits Chinese exports into America at low tariffs. Last May Mr Clinton warned Peking that it would have to exhibit "progress" in areas including prison-made exports, violations of copyright, smuggled textiles and sales of nuclear technology.

Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, arriving in Paris yesterday for talks with Qian Qichen, the Chinese Foreign Minister, said: "The discussion of human rights will be a critical point of our meeting here." Until recently the Chinese had two typical responses to such pressure. One was to delay negotiations until the last minute, give in and then barely comply, if at all. The other was to bluster and issue counter-threats. In Seattle last December, President Jiang Zemin lectured Mr Clinton on Chinese sovereignty and mixing politics with economics.

Recently, however, the Chinese have also attempted some new tactics. They suddenly released two prominent Tibetan dissidents imprisoned only a few months ago who, foreign observers feared, would serve long sentences or even be executed. Then, at the last hour, they signed an agreement to try to control illegal exports of textiles. And they have told Lloyd Bentsen, the American Treasury Secretary, that they will permit American investigators to visit prisons alleged to be making goods for export. President Jiang told George Bush, the former President, that China would try to comply with American demands.

Washington has expressed pleasure with this progress, although China's concessions are not fundamental: there are many more Tibetans in prison; America has agreed not to spot-check textile factories for falsified labels without permission; and the agreement on prison labour is only verbal and does not challenge Peking's imprisonment of dissidents. Moreover, the Chinese agreed to visits to the same camps in 1992, when they gave little co-operation, and have had time to remove evidence.

The textile agreement has cost the Chinese state — as opposed to smugglers — nothing and staved off expensive penalties. Peking has conceded that American quotas would have cost them up to $1.2 billion (£800 million) in lost trade, and up to 300,000 jobs.

The Chinese have also agreed to "discuss" arms questions, which include American weapons sales to Taiwan. They hold tens of thousands more prisoners who can be used as further chips in negotiations with Washington.

But on the Hong Kong question, the position is entirely different. China and Britain disagree fundamentally on the reason for the dispute. Peking sees Hong Kong as a colony which must be restored, and as a place which showed disloyalty when one million of its citizens demonstrated in protest over the Tiananmen killings in 1989. Every British proposal for mild constitutional reform is seen as "a little trick".

This means that the British must be threatened with economic punishment — which President Jiang said was unacceptable in disagreements with America, and that every issue — from lowering the voting age for the next election to building a new airport — becomes fundamental.

It is only partly true that China acts the bully with Britain because the British, unlike the Americans, cannot retaliate, and in any event must yield up Hong Kong in 1997. The price of Chinese intransigence and economic pressure may be a sullen and fearful population, the emigration of many of Hong Kong's best-educated people, and an international agreement to ban China from Gatt membership.

But Peking has braved international disapproval before, most notably after the Tiananmen killings. Then it rode out the bad period and within three years was regaining global acceptance.

China and America want a relationship based on mutual interest — commercial, diplomatic, and even strategic. But the Hong Kong struggle is between implacable adversaries for whom details represent opposing world views.

☐ **Peking defied:** About 300 foreign journalists ignored Peking advice and watched a screening by the Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents' Club of the BBC's *Chairman Mao: The Last Emperor*. Two representatives of the New China News Agency, Peking's de facto embassy, had told the club that showing the film "would hurt the feelings of the Chinese people".

Patten insists Peking should return to talks

CHRIS Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong, yesterday pressed China to resume talks on the colony's future, and said he was not "trying to tweak China's tail" in pressing ahead with democratic reforms (Eve-Ann Prentice writes). Mr Patten was in London to brief John Major and Cabinet members on the progress of his plans to let Hong Kong's people elect, directly or indirectly, most of their legislators before China takes over in 1997. The first Bill on the reforms is now before Hong Kong's Legislative Council.

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Malaysian MP seeks dam aid enquiry

Amid the arguments over the £234 nillion Pergau project, Labour is to lemand a wider investigation into 3ritain's foreign aid and trade deals

FROM JAMES PRINGLE AND M. G. G. PILLAI IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

MALAYSIA's opposition ader called for an investiga-n into the Pergau dam oject, it emerged last night at Britain's entire aid proamme could face close scru-ny after allegations that itain and Malaysia have en involved in an arms-for-l deal.

The Commons foreign af-irs select committee will bate in London tomorrow ether to open an enquiry to British foreign aid and ade — a wide-ranging ex-nination of the Govern-ent's overseas aid policy. abour committee members ve some Tory support for eir calls for a comprehensive vestigation of Britain's pro-amme of help for develop-e countries.

Lim Kit Siang, Secretary-eneral of the opposition emocratic Action Party, said Kuala Lumpur: "Judging om reports from London, re seems to have been an ms-for-aid deal and the alaysian government owes e Malaysian people an planation."

Referring to the £234 mil-n British aid, Mr Lim said: here is a need for a dam, but ether on that scale and agnitude and with that cost and whether it is an ological disaster, as some ve said — should all be the bject of an enquiry. This is a atter of grave concern and must be told the nature of transactions."

There are questions "crying t to be answered," said Mr n, 52, a lawyer who has nself spent years in deten-n for his earlier trenchant ticism of Malaysian gov-ument policies. He did not nk there would have been a mal deal as such on an ns-for-aid package between British and Malaysian ernments, but something ng the lines of an "informal derstanding".

He said that he had already ed for a government White per on the subject, and ded: "These issues should be debated in the Malay-n parliament."

Labour wants the enquiry to k into whether Balfour Beatty and Cementation, the two British companies now engaged on the project in northeastern Kelantan province, did indeed compete for the contract against other concerns. Such an investigation would expose ministers, including Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, to detailed questioning on the ways that the £2.1 billion budget is distributed and the connections between aid projects and trade contracts.

The £234 million aid package to help build the dam in Malaysia will form the centrepiece of the committee's investigation. Labour MPs are seeking to widen the scope of the committee's investigation to focus attention on a number of British aid projects which have attracted criticism from independent obeservers.

The allegation that more than £1 billion of arms exports to Malaysia were dependent on Britain assisting the dam project have sparked concern that use of the foreign aid budget is being abused. Sir Tim Lankester, permanent secretary to the Overseas Development Administration, told MPs last week that the Pergau project, which he had opposed, was an abuse of the aid programme.

The Labour Party is also calling for a detailed internal review, concluded last summer by the Overseas Development Administration, to be made public. Labour members of the committee have expressed fears that the aid fund is becoming a "pot of sweeteners" for the Government to help British business attract overseas contracts.

A senior executive at one of the contracting companies who played a central role in the negotiations said yesterday that he did not believe it was explicitly linked to arms contracts.

"While it was extremely important for Britain to win the contract, because we had been excluded from Malaysia for such a long time, there was no indication that separate arms agreements depended on Britain granting aid to build the dam," he said.



Orthodox Jews from the Meah Shearim neighbourhood in Jerusalem protecting their traditional felt hats with plastic bags yesterday against rain that ended one of Israel's driest winter's. The change in weather came as the country signalled that it was nearing a deal with the Palestinian Liberation Organisation to resolve outstanding problems and open the way for an Israeli military withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho (Richard Beeston writes). After a visit to Jerusalem by Amr Moussa, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, who is mediating between the two sides, Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, confirmed that the six-week deadlock with the PLO was showing signs of ending. Although the Israeli leader would not be drawn on specifics, Shimon Peres, the Foreign Minister, predicted that it might be possible to overcome thorny questions of security and sovereignty on Sunday when he meets Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman. In Washington yesterday, the twelfth round of bilateral talks opened between Israel and Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and the PLO.

US Navy's seagoing baby puts admirals in shock

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

IF THE worst fears and prejudices of America's military establishment needed to be confirmed, nothing could have been more suitable than the story of the woman sailor in the US Navy who gave birth on board a warship off the coast of Italy. It is believed to have been the first such event in American military history.

The woman who gave birth is a 21-year-old seaman apprentice, who was assigned to the ship at the port of Gaeta, north of Naples. The navy declined to release the woman's name, presumably to prevent photographs of her appearing on the front pages of newspapers all over the country.

Commander Jeffrey Smallwood, spokesman at the US Sixth Fleet's base at Gaeta, said the baby was born on the repair ship USS *Yellowstone* on January 16.

"It does not happen every day," the commander said when asked if the birth was the first aboard ship in naval history.

After the *Yellowstone* left its base in Norfolk, Virginia, late last month for a six-month mission, the woman's superior officers became suspicious, presumably because of her size.

At first she denied that she was pregnant. Then they gave her a pregnancy test, which came back positive on January 14. She told them she was in the early stages of pregnancy and that the baby was due in September.

A few days later, almost nine months ahead of schedule, she reported to the sick bay with cramps and a few minutes later delivered a 5lb boy. What is more, it has turned out to have been a full-term pregnancy.

She was admitted to a medical centre in Gaeta and then to the US naval hospital in Naples.

The navy, having recently lost its battle over woman recruits at the Citadel, decided against disciplinary action, although the she was in clear breach of the rules which state that a woman sailor can remain on board ship only until the twentieth week of the pregnancy, and that only inside American territorial waters. Women in the US Navy started going to sea in the mid 1970s.

The navy is now preparing to fly the woman and her son back to the United States. The sailor is not expected to return to sea for at least another four months.

Muslims urged to boycott Chanel

FROM REUTER IN CAIRO

EGYPT'S parliamentary religious affairs committee has urged Muslims to boycott Chanel, the French fashion house, for insulting Islam by embroidering words from the Koran on a low-cut bodice.

The committee issued its appeal on Sunday night after a meeting to consider appropriate measures. "It is necessary for French organisations to respect Muslim feelings in any of their activities," the committee's statement said.

Muslims protested after Claudia Schiffer, the German model, paraded down a Paris catwalk a week ago wearing a tight black top embroidered in grey pearls with the words: "He whom God guides is well-guided, and he who is abandoned by God will find no one to put him on the right road."

Ahmed Omar Hashim, the leader of the parliamentary committee, said: "The act hurt Muslims' feelings worldwide and ridiculed their holy book." *Al-Wafd*, the opposition newspaper, said one member of parliament promised to take the issue to the full house for debate.

In Paris, Claude Eliette, chairman of Chanel, apologised to the French Muslim community and Muslim theologians and promised to convey Chanel's apologies to the world's Muslims. He explained that Karl Lagerfeld, Chanel's designer, who has many Arabs among his clients, took the design from a book on India's Taj Mahal and had been told it was a love poem.



Claudia Schiffer in the offending outfit

Lesotho appeals for aid

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa spent yesterday trying not to get more involved in the growing troubles of Lesotho. The Foreign Ministry said it had received a request from the Maseru government for troops to help put down a military rebellion.

R. F. "Pik" Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, said there would be no immediate intervention. He added that he had alerted the United Nations, the Commonwealth and the Organisation of African Unity "to make sure that they realise we may land up with another Somalia".

Mediation efforts by the handful of ambassadors resident in the capital have so far had little effect. Neither diplomats nor government officials are clear about the identity of the warring groups of soldiers, whose launched a mortar and machine-gun attack on the capital on Sunday. Thunderstorms forced a lull in the fighting yesterday.

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Ordeal carries on for John Bobbitt

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE legal saga has ended, the surgery is complete, the media have disbanded and the jokes are wearing thin; but the trials of John Wayne Bobbitt are not yet over.

Mr Bobbitt, 26, whose wife, Lorena, was acquitted last week of maliciously wounding him by cutting off his penis, was yesterday preparing to take a blood test to establish if he fathered another woman's child. The former Marine, who has admitted having affairs while estranged from his wife, twice failed to take the test last week because Mrs Bobbitt's trial in Manassas, Virginia, lasted twice as long as expected.

Beatrice Williams, 21, issued a writ last October naming Mr Bobbitt as the father of her year-old son. The results of the test, involving blood and DNA analysis, will be released in about a month.

Even if Mr Bobbitt is proved to be her son's father, Ms Williams can expect only limited child support. Mr Bobbitt has declared bankruptcy and his legal and medical expenses are estimated at $300,000 (£200,000).

As the aftershocks from Friday's verdict continue to reverberate along gender fault lines throughout America, a Gallup poll found that more than half the country has no sympathy for Mr Bobbitt, who was accused in court of subjecting his wife to years of physical, sexual and psychological abuse. An earlier poll by *Newsweek* magazine found that twice as many women as men believed Mrs Bobbitt should not be convicted. Last November Mr Bobbitt was acquitted of raping his wife by another jury in the same courtroom.

Mrs Bobbitt, who claimed that she was temporarily insane when she attacked her husband last June, began psychological tests at a mental hospital yesterday. Her lawyer said she could be free sooner than the 45-day court-ordered evaluation period.

Mr Bobbitt returned to his family home in Niagara Falls for the paternity test but could not be contacted yesterday. An answering message at the Bobbitt home said pointedly: "We can't come to the phone right now. We've all become temporarily insane. I guess that's common."

What with faxes and telephones, you'd think letter-writing was coming to a full stop. In fact, reports of its demise are premature

Written off — but writing on



MARGOT NORMAN

Dear Reader,

Or should I call you Dear Letter-writer? I am marvelling at the discovery that you wrote some 93,000 letters for publication in this newspaper last year. Some of you wrote several, though I believe no one has stepped into the handmade shoes of the South African gentleman who wrote the same letter to the editor every day for 30 years on very expensive paper, and often delivered it himself.

When I spoke to the letters editor — a noble fellow whom one does *not frivolously disturb, since he* reads every single one of these letters personally — I expected him to confirm that, as Nigel Rees assumes in his new book *Letter Writing*, the number had dropped since 1985 when you wrote 55,000. On the contrary, as you see. You wrote 1,000 a week then, and you write around 1,800 a week now.

And that's not counting all the others you send, not for publication but for the guidance of contributors. Some of these are effusive, others abusive, the majority constructive. From the receiving end one sees the force of Nietzsche's observation that "any man who does not write books, has plenty of time to think, and lives in unsatisfying society, is *likely to be a good letter-writer*". An awful lot of thoughtful people must be living in unsatisfying society.

Occasionally one cannot quite make out what you think, in which case it is prudent to follow Charles Kingsley's lead. When Mrs Kingsley was very ill, a letter arrived from the notoriously illegible Dean Stanley; Kingsley struggled to decipher it and then gave up, saying: "I have every reason to believe this is a very kind letter of sympathy from Stanley — I feel sure it is. Yet the only two words I can even guess at are 'heartless devil'."

Nigel Rees's book is not really for you, although you would enjoy the miscellaneous quotations with which the *presenter of Radio 4's Quote... Unquote* naturally peppers his text. (There are some real gems from accident-prone drivers to their insurance companies: "The pedestrian had no idea which way to run, so I ran over him", and the plaintively Pooterish "Coming home I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have."

He also has some toe-curling examples arising from that tricky relationship between parents and their children's teachers, eg "Dear Miss, Please excuse Mary from having a shower, being how she is. Being how you are yourself sometimes, you will understand how she is." Thank goodness teacher wasn't Sir.) No, the book is aimed at people like me who suffer from Postman's Block, pathetic individuals who procrastinate until forgetfulness supervenes, or never quite manage to line up paper, envelope, address book, stamp and letter-box.

The surprising thing is that there are so few of us. The art of letter-writing has been pronounced dead or dying for most of this century, and yet the Royal Mail reports that personal correspondence has grown from 1,665 million items to 2,063 million over the past five years, while correspondence categorised as "consumer-to-business" has dropped somewhat. It also reports that people born under the sign of Gemini send most letters and Scorpios send least, that women send more than twice as many letters as men, and that people who are out of a job or over 65 send a lot more than the rest of us, though how it knows all this I am not sure.

In 1926 Jerome K. Jerome doubted whether Barrie's dictum that it was the legitimate ambition of every Englishman to write to *The Times* was any longer true. Well, how wrong can you be? As wrong as Philip Larkin, telling his friend Judy Egerton "We may be the last generation to write to each other."

I shall pass quickly, and blushing, over what Rees rightly calls the "murky business" of thank-you letters. The thing is, they can be as uncomfortable in the receiving as in the not-writing, inclined as they are to turn perfectly normal people into both pompous and facetious prats. One of the specimen letters goes "Dear Geoffrey. Belated thanks for a smashing evening. It was unusually agreeable to meet so many pleasant people at one time. All best wishes to you and your spectacular lady from both of us." Oh dear.

The fax has been a great help to people like me because it's so immediate and needs no paraphernalia. If only everyone I owed a letter had one. Until they do, I shall continue working on my patent system of telepathy, guaranteed to transfer kind thoughts direct to the recipient and fitted with a foolproof Dark Sentiments Filter. I doubt whether you or the Editor will be ordering one.

Yours sincerely,
Margot Norman.

Friendship, fact and fiction

Susan Crosland's new novel is all about the marriage of her friends, the Jays. Or is it? **Walter Ellis** on the perils of the *roman à clef*



Susan Crosland and *The Magnates* book cover, and (right) Meryl Streep and Jack Nicholson in the film *Heartburn*

On the grounds that there is no such thing as bad publicity, the marriage of Peter Jay, the former British ambassador to Washington, and Margaret (now Lady) Jay has not received a bad press.

First there was *Heartburn*, the novel by Nora Ephron, director of *Sleepless in Seattle* and screenwriter of *When Harry Met Sally*, in which Ms Ephron describes in pitiless detail how Margaret Jay ran off with her husband, the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Carl Bernstein. Next came the film of the same name, starring Jack Nicholson and Meryl Streep.

But that was years ago. Now, with the imminent publication of *The Magnates*, a mid-Atlantic political thriller from the cursor of Susan Crosland, the sorry saga of When Margaret Met Carl is once again public property. What is more, Mrs Crosland — widow of Tony Crosland, Labour's Foreign Secretary under James Callaghan (Margaret's father) — claims to be a friend of both the Jays and says it had not occurred to her that her fictional account of international wheeler-dealing had somehow strayed into real life.

The Magnates is not so much a *roman à clef* as a series of signposts. Where it took 40 years to tease out the true identity of Widmerpool, the monster at the heart of Anthony Powell's *A Dance to the Music of Time*, the Jays and Bernstein — to say nothing of the late Robert Maxwell — jump from Mrs Crosland's pages clutching their IDs.

Lovers of the genre will argue that this is much too easy. Much of the joy of a *roman à clef* is in finding the correct keys to unlock the narrative mysteries. Widmerpool was for years thought to have been based on either the late Lord Dilhorne or (astonishingly) Lord Longford or (more astonishingly still) Sir Edward Heath, and it was only in 1992 that Powell confessed he had been drawn from the character of Denis Cuthbert Capel-Dunn, an obscure Cabinet official.

When real people walk into the pages of fiction, it is almost bound to cause a stir. Jeanette Winterson raised temperatures substantially in the publishing world in 1992 when in her book, *Written on the Body*, she wrote of a lesbian affair between two characters, one of them thought to be the wife of one of Britain's best-known novelists.

Melvyn Bragg, in the same year, was accused of ridiculing Lynn Barber, the newspaper columnist, in his novel *Crystal Rooms*, following Barber's frank dissection of Bragg's own character in a published interview. Bragg hotly denies the parallel.

Sir Stephen Spender, the poet, was so beside himself with fury when he read David Leavitt's novel *While England Sleeps* — which he claimed was not only based on himself, Christopher Isherwood and various friends, but had actually been lifted in chunks from his own autobiography, *World Within World* — that the book was withdrawn prior to publication and has yet to go on sale. Leavitt denies everything.

Novelists portray people they have met, or known well, almost routinely. It would be hard to see how they could do otherwise. David Lodge and Malcolm Bradbury, Britain's premier campus novelists, must surely be drawing from experience when they assemble their cast lists of frustrated, lovelorn academics at provincial universities. Kingsley Amis, for his part, wrote *Lucky Jim*, the story of a young academic coping with life at a minor Welsh university, soon after he had stopped teaching at University College Swansea. Years later, Amis was allegedly to draw rather more intensely from his own life when he created a character in *The Russian Girl* (1992) in whom many discerned the outline of his second wife, Elizabeth Jane Howard.

In strictly literary terms, it matters little where an author's inspiration comes from. Yet for those of us on the outside looking in, the fun consists in placing fact and fiction together under the spectroscope and asking ourselves: is this how it really happened?

It seems hard to believe that Susan Crosland was not aware that she was writing about her friends in *The Magnates*. Nora Ephron had no such doubts. For her, *Heartburn* was therapy, and its judgments sprang directly from her real-life predicament.

Ephron delivers the most scathing verdict on Peter Jay, called in her pages Jonathan Rice. "If I'd spent 19 years with Jonathan Rice", she writes as Rachel, the abandoned wife, "I'd have run off with a delivery boy from the Fleet Messenger Service."

Even Peter Jay's legendary intellectual detachment is mocked. "Jonathan never takes anything personally — he always sees himself as a statistical reflection of a larger trend in society."

Would Trollope ever have stooped so low? He got his idea for *The Warden*, the first of the Barchester Chronicles, after spending some time in Salisbury Cathedral close. The Palliser novels sprang from years of rubbing shoulders with prominent Liberal politicians. The same could loosely be said of Disraeli and the Coningsby collection. But in neither case was there more than recognition of a type. It was not "personal".

Susan Crosland has almost certainly embarrassed her friends. She has also claimed she didn't realise she was doing it. With a friend like this, who needs enemies?



BILL WARHURST

Margaret and Peter Jay in their west London garden in 1977 — now the "sorry saga" of their marriage is public again

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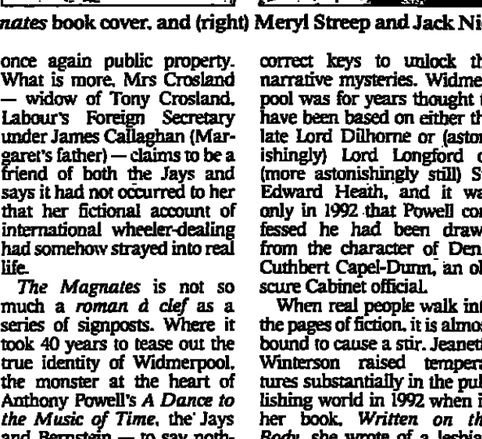
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Dance swings back to the Sixties

Baby Boomers, tired of the lack of rhythm at clubs, are going back to jive and ballroom

"YOU DO WH-A-A-A-T?" "I go country dancing on Thursday evenings."

"You're not serious!"

"I am."

I tend to keep quiet about my love of country dancing. The idea of a room full of sweaty people bounding around to the shouted instructions of a caller, is ludicrous to nearly all my contemporaries. Baby Boomers (Think Cool, don't give me rules, man), now in their thirties and forties, prefer to go abroad to savour someone else's ethnic inheritance.

I was encouraged by the dance craze sweeping through London. It is driven by the twentysomethings, refugees from the club scene, where dancing has reached a pinnacle of formlessness.

Three years ago, Lambada was among the first signs of awakening interest, but that turned out to be too raunchy for the British. Jive, ballroom and "Latin" have taken over. Huge, seedy discotheques down on their luck in the recession, and gloomy church basements, with nursery school snowmen and tiny chairs piled in the corners, pulse with the music and controlled flirtation of bodies moving rhythmically together.

Like the new generation of New York nightclubs, dance classes take place early, from half past seven or eight in the evening.

The smaller the venue, the greater the ordeal as you wait for the class to begin. You cannot just keep walking round pretending to be going somewhere, so you study the noticeboard. Size 12 hiking boots, £25, nearly new. Flatshare wanted . . . At last, the amplifier and the instructor bark to life. You have somewhere to stand and somewhere to look. You learn the first few steps. "This is great", you think, "I can do this". Then come a few more. Then they speed it up: you need the concentration of a fighter pilot.

Sometimes your feet patter through a few bars in perfect sync but then, Caramba!, one of them goes off on a caper by itself, a mad Robin Williams impro. "Sorry! So sorry," you mumble to the poor dope who invited you to dance. Flushing, you start again. This time, one leg goes wooden. You can hardly bear to look at him. With a rigid knee, leaning bizarrely, you apologise to his shoes instead.

Paradoxically, the best social scene is at the classes which are run in the most authoritarian way. Although some men who are young and beautiful have halitosis, and some misshapen nerds dance like Fred Astaire, it binds the class together more to be rotated around the lot of them. "Everybody has met 20 people by the time the social dancing starts," says James Cronin, whose Ceroc evenings of French jive are throbbing with upmarket types practising extremely fancy footwork. "You couldn't have a party among a group of strangers otherwise."

By the end of the evening having held a lot of hands, danced in many arms, and been forgiven many mistakes, you start to have a warm feeling about the world. The rotation of couples also deals with the problem of too many men or too many women.



Get out there and have fun

Amazingly, unlike discos, where there are often 65 to 70 per cent women, many of whom end up dancing round their handbags, the numbers have been pretty close to even at all the venues I visited. Also unlike discos, a lot of people go on their own. "I think more women go just for the sake of the dancing," says Marianne Moore, a fanatical and elegant dancer, and a chemist during the day. "But there are the men who just go for the women. See him? He's a gluepot."

However, at the end of the evening, if you choose the right moment to dash through the fire exit, you can shake off a gluepot and be fairly sure that that will be that. It all seems a very orderly and safe world. No one is drunk, and anyone who will submit to the etiquette of the whole occasion — whereby the men ask the women onto the floor, lead the dance and say thank you at the end — is somehow less likely to behave dangerously at the tube station later on.

The twentysomethings learning to jive at Ceroc evenings seem the least embarrassed by the sexism of dancing convention. "Now when you send her into the spin, guys, I want you to make it a little cocky," Mr Cronin booms. But some of the ballroom and Latin teachers in their thirties simply cannot bring themselves to refer to "Men" and "Women" at all, when describing those steps in which one person is obviously in charge, and the other does all the twirly-whirly bits. They say "leaders" and "followers" instead.

NEVERTHELESS, the men ask the women to dance in the old-fashioned way. "Anything's better than trying to pick someone up in a club," says Lisa Boe, 24, a media student (who says she is too old for clubs anyway). At clubs, if you like the look of someone, you ease yourself in their direction. When you get there, if your victim does not like you, he will nonchalantly turn, and continue dancing with his back to you.

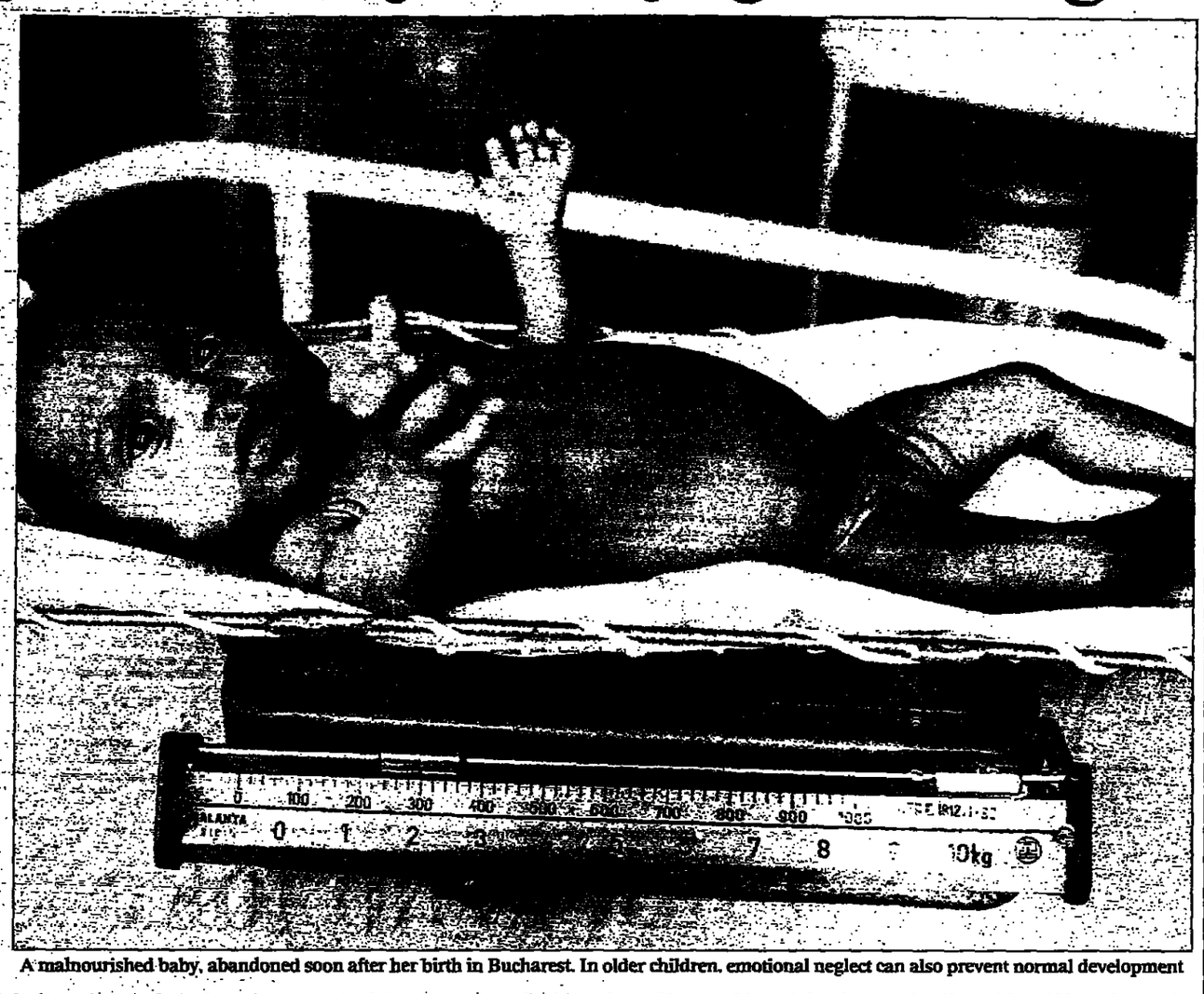
A lot of people go to the classes as a substitute for dreary aerobics; and then, they are cheaper than eating out. So there is none of that highly charged sexual atmosphere — the classes are fun in the way that the seaside is fun. Sometimes, the crowd, stripped to their T-shirts and dancing in scuffed shoes, remind me of films about the Second World War. The clothes may be old, but the faces are shining.

FIONA MURPHY

● *For further information: Jive classes: Ceroc 081-742 9148; Ballroom and Latin: Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing 081-9867829; Country dancing: English Folk Song and Dance Society 071-485 2206.*

Why isn't my baby growing?

Lack of food? Lack of love? The reasons why some children fail to thrive are complex, writes Dr James Le Fanu



A malnourished baby, abandoned soon after her birth in Bucharest. In older children, emotional neglect can also prevent normal development

Every week consultant paediatricians are asked for their opinion on one or two children with the tentative *diagnosis of "failure to thrive"*. The most obvious physical feature is faltering growth, though the children tend also to be apathetic and behavioural disorders are frequent.

In about a quarter of them there will be an underlying physical cause. Where they have other physical symptoms as well, such as diarrhoea and distension of the abdomen, a disorder of the gut is usually suspected. A simple blood test invariably shows anaemia due to malabsorption of one or other of the vitamins necessary for making red blood cells.

Coeliac disease — intolerance of gluten — is often the cause, leading to a reduction in the prominence of the gut villi through which nutrients are absorbed. When the diet is switched to exclude gluten, a constituent of wheat, recovery rapidly follows. Writing in the *Lancet*, Dr C. Catassi, a paediatrician from Ancona in Italy, suggests this week that coeliac disease is more common than realised and that many short children in their teens with mild symptoms such as mouth ulcers will also respond to a gluten-free diet.

But no matter how many tests the paediatrician orders, in three-quarters of children all the results will come back negative. Then the explanation for failure to thrive lies elsewhere. Often, but not invariably, it is associated with psychological problems in the child, usually attributed in the past to emotional neglect.

This phenomenon was first described in the 1940s in children hospitalised for long periods who, despite adequate amounts of food, were "listless, emaciated and pale, unresponsive to stimuli and had an appearance of unhappiness". A similar picture has been observed recently in children brought up in Romanian orphanages.

The contribution of love and emotional security in promoting growth in children was unintentionally confirmed by the distinguished British nutritionist Dr Elsie Widdowson in her study of children in two German orphanages after the war. Her main purpose was to investigate the degree to which food supplements in undernourished children could accelerate growth rates. To her surprise the children in the first orphanage, who were only given the standard post-war rations, grew more rapidly than those in the second, who were given supplementary bread, jam and orange juice, representing an added 20 per cent of calories to their daily food intake.

The difference, Professor Widdowson believed, could only be explained by the personality of the director of the second orphanage. She was "stern and forbidding, ruling the home with a rod of iron". Children and staff lived in constant fear of her reprimands and criticisms, which were often quite unreasonable". But the director had her favourites who, over the year in which the experiment was conducted, put on an extra kilogram in weight and centimetre in height compared with the other children in the orphanage.

The mechanism by which emotional neglect can lead to poor growth rates has, however, never been clarified. In the last few years it has become accepted that the underlying cause must be malnutrition. So, even if children are presented with adequate amounts of food everyday, emotional problems within the family leading to poor appetite or perverse feeding behaviour mean they do not consume enough for their needs.

Dr David Skuse a child psychiatrist in London has suggested two possible ways in which this might happen. In the first, the mother is depressed or anguished, resulting in a tense child who does not feed well. She reacts badly to her infant's lack of enthusiasm for the food she is offering and so stops meals prematurely, leaving her child angry and hungry, and a vicious circle develops.

Alternatively some children are intrinsically less lovable than others, whether in physical appearance, crying habits or response to affection. This can affect the mother's desire to nurture, which in turn results in feeding problems.

In a recent article in the *British Medical Journal*, Dr Harvey Marcovitch, a paediatrician from Horton Hospital in Banbury, north Oxfordshire, urges his colleagues "not to assume without question that poor growth in a child from a materially or emotionally deprived background adds up to neglect".

He himself was perplexed when, back in the late 1980s, he noticed that increasing numbers of children referred for "failure to thrive" came from apparently stable and prosperous middle-class families. The mothers tended to be over-anxious and to focus their concerns on the prevailing shibboleths about a healthy diet. They cut out milk and dairy products to protect their offspring against hardening of the arteries, and refused to give them any processed foods in case the colouring agents and additives they contained might induce hyperactivity. The healthy diet they imposed instead — containing lashings of fibre and bran — not only gave the children colic but proved so unappetising that they were getting insufficient calories.

This "muesli-belt malnutrition" was resolved by intelligent dietary choice. But Dr Marcovitch points out that if these children had come from more deprived backgrounds their mothers would more readily have been accused of neglecting them.

Nevertheless, failure to thrive is more common among children in problem families, and care proceedings followed by fostering can lead to dramatic gains in height and weight within a few weeks. But deciding when such drastic measures are appropriate is not easy. As Dr Skuse says: "Parents are at risk of being regarded as guilty of emotionally abusing their chilren unless they can prove their innocence — but sufficient grounds to disprove such a suspicion may be hard to find."

Cricket strokes in the sun

Lack of a hat does not fully explain Chris Lewis's West Indies mishap

Chris Lewis, the England cricketer, is in disgrace because, contrary to orders, he failed to cover his shaven head while fielding in the West Indian sun. He is now, in his captain's view, paying a just penalty — sunstroke.

Punishment for failing to obey orders may well be called for, but this rather simplistic view of sunstroke has not been considered physiologically sound since the days when the Army & Navy Stores sold pith helmets to the Empire. Indeed, the term sunstroke is no longer used in better medical circles — today's patients suffer from either heatstroke, heat exhaustion, or sunburn.



DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

With a bald head Lewis was certainly in danger of suffering from sunburn; if he is lucky he will have no more than redness — erythema — but more severely he might well have to endure swelling of the skin of the scalp, followed later by blistering. Covering up with a hat would certainly have protected him, as would a high-factor sun screen. A headache often accompanies a sunburnt scalp.

Heatstroke occurs when the body's core temperature rises. In some cases it is the result of taking excessive exercise in a hot, dry climate, when the normal sweating mechanism has failed. If a patient's ability to sweat is usually unimpaired it may be temporarily put out of action by prickly heat, which affects sweat glands. Sweating is essential for heat regulation.

More usually heatstroke follows hard exercise, for several hours, in a climate which is both hot and so humid that the sweat doesn't evaporate readily from the skin's surface. If Lewis was suffering heatstroke it may well have been that, even if also insubordinate, he was also working hard, and had been rushing around the field. In people less fit than Test cricketers, obesity and even — as old Empire traders will tell you — too much alcohol could predispose to heatstroke.

Treatment of heatstroke is the immediate cooling of the patient. Tepid sponging is the traditional method, but ice packing can also be used. Patients are often stripped, and then covered with dampened sheets, which are fanned to encourage evaporation. The method of cooling is less important than its immediacy. Sudden death from heatstroke can occur, but usually recovery is rapid. Very occasionally, even in those who recover, there is lasting neurological damage. Sir Jock Delves Broughton, of *White Mischief* infamy, suffered heatstroke at the beginning of the Second World War, just before his regiment was due to go on active service. His later symptoms, thought by some to be psychological, were very probably due to cerebral damage in consequence of the heatstroke.

Heat exhaustion is the result of dehydration, and may or may not accompany heatstroke. It may be associated with wearing too much clothing, rather than too little. As well as the dehydration due to fluid loss, changes in the balance of the body's salt give rise to symptoms of fatigue and, eventually, collapse. The patient will need cooling, fluid replacement, and adjustment of his salt balance.

Once people have suffered heatstroke they will for a time be more liable to be adversely affected by hot, humid weather if re-exposed to the same conditions.

Annabel Ferriman on a drug which can help some Alzheimer patients

A better quality of life

BILL realised there was something wrong with his wife, Phyllis, when he noticed that she could no longer tell the time. She had become rather absent-minded over the previous two years, but he had put it down to lack of concentration. This was something different, however.

He decided that they should seek medical help and after several investigations and a brain scan, the dreaded diagnosis was returned: Phyllis, who was only 59, had Alzheimer's disease. "The doctors said that they were very sorry about it, but there was nothing they could do. Goodbye."

Bill, a retired businessman from Harlow, Essex, was not willing to sit back and accept that idea, however. He visited the headquarters of the Alzheimer's Disease Society and discovered that scientists were carrying out trials of several drugs for the condition. Within a few months, Phyllis was put on an experimental drug, tacrine, which had shown some promise in reducing the symptoms of the disease. It is thought to work by preventing the breakdown of one of the chemical transmitters — acetylcholine — in the brain.

UNFORTUNATELY, she started experiencing side-effects and, after only a few weeks, was taken off it. "Then she started to deteriorate; her personality changed. She would do silly things, like putting cutlery away in the wrong place, and when I pointed it out, she would always have an answer. We started having serious rows," said Bill. After seven weeks, however, Bill was told that his wife could go back on the drug, at a greatly reduced dose. "In next to no time, she was back to her normal sweet self." That was in March 1990 and Phyllis has been on the drug ever since.

"I am immensely grateful to the drug. I think that without it, she would be a cabbage now. She still gets muddled sometimes with telling the time and is slow in counting money, but she is normal with regards to her temperament. I think the drug should be available to many more people with the disease."

Bill's view is shared by Professor Raymond Levy, of the Institute of Psychiatry and the Maudsley Hospital, London, who has conducted several trials. "It is not a miracle drug," he says, "but it improves symptoms in some patients. It does not get to the basic disturbance and the effect tends to wear off. But although after four years the patients are probably where they would have been without the drug, they have had a few years of better quality life.

"The drug produces side-effects in some patients which can become serious, if the dose is not reduced. You have to carry out liver function tests every three months. But the effects on the liver are invariably reversible. They affect about a third of patients."

PROFESSOR Levy is puzzled that the drug, which was given a licence by the Food and Drugs Administration in America last September, has not been approved by the Committee on the Safety of Medicines (CSM) in Britain. Tacrine does have a controversial background, however. Scientific interest exploded when the *New England Journal of Medicine* reported dramatic results from a trial of 17 patients. One patient was able to play golf again, another returned to part-time work and a third resumed her life as a housewife. The study was subsequently found to be flawed and the doctors involved were criticised for raising false hopes.

"That led to bad feeling and it has taken all this time to do the thing properly, carry out full trials and so on. In France, the drug has now been approved by the government's expert committee on drugs," Professor Levy says.

"Without tacrine my wife would be a cabbage. I am immensely grateful for it"

IN THE UK nearly 500,000 people have Alzheimer's disease. By the year 2,001, about 18 per cent of the UK population will be over the age of 75 and there will be 68,000 more cases of dementia than there are today. "The potential benefit from even the modest and transient therapeutic improvement achieved with the use of tacrine, and other drugs in the same group, such as venacrine, would appear to be well worth the risks involved," he said.

Professor Levy predicts that, when the drug receives a licence in France, which is likely to happen soon, some patients will cross the Channel to get supplies. Bill says: "If the supply was cut off for my wife, I would go to America. Otherwise I know that within a year she would be gone."

But the Alzheimer's Disease Society counselled caution. Harry Cayton, the society's executive director, said: "We are ambivalent about tacrine. Obviously we would welcome the advent of an effective drug. But we think that the CSM is right to be cautious. There are many problems with tacrine. People have not been able to demonstrate that it is effective for more than a very small number of people, particularly those in the early stages."

● *Professor Levy's Memory Clinic at the Maudsley, where he is consultant psychiatrist, provides early diagnosis and assessment of mild cases of Alzheimer's disease, for entry into clinical trials. Inquiries in writing only, preferably accompanied by a GP's letter, to Mrs Marian Ryde, Section of Old Age Psychiatry, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF.*

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Lynne Truss



■ The principal message of the Oxford Street man with the placard was consistency

The demise of the Protein Man of Oxford Street last week, at the age of 78, came as a bit of a shock. Not that I knew him, of course; it's just that in common with millions of Londoners I felt I had a vague idea what he had on his mind — mainly because it was written on a placard in big white letters immediately above his head. I apologise if you don't remember him.

How one hates, in a national newspaper, to strike the pose of the metropolitan bore (which reminds me, aren't they *rude* in Groucho's? Why do we all put up with it?): yet the ever-present solitary figure in the jostling shopping crowd with his flat cap and specs, his placard, and his deeply peculiar message — LESS PASSION FROM LESS PROTEIN — so far resembles a universal archetype that, as a Londoner, one can hardly believe Stanley Owen-Green just wore a groove in the dusty pavements of Oxford Street for 25 years, with outings to Putney Bridge for the Boat Race. Perhaps it helps to say that, like Zelig in the Woody Allen film, the Protein Man was present in every black-and-white picture of London crowds that one has ever seen.

The point about Mr Green was that he was against protein. I emphasise this because although he devoted the last third of his life to carrying a placard above his head, and possibly sleeping in an extra-long bed to accommodate it at nights, he did not make it easy for the average foreign shopper, stooped under the weight of cheesy meaty nutty food purchases from Selfridges, to understand immediately what he meant.

At the same time as spreading dietary awareness Mr Green also engendered considerable semantic unease, because for 25 years, one could frown at his splendidly unpunctuated message, "Less fish meat bird cheese egg peas beans nuts and sitting" and somehow miss its drift. "What exactly is your *beef?*" one might have asked him, hilariously, if one had only thought of it.

When Stanley Owen-Green started this anti-protein campaign in 1968, of course, food was not generally accepted as the enemy within, the way it is now. Devil-may-care people did not quip: "I never met a carbohydrate I didn't like", mainly because nobody would tumble the joke. In those crazy far-off days of prelapsarian ingestion, we bunged all sorts of things in our cake-holes and simply hoped for the best.

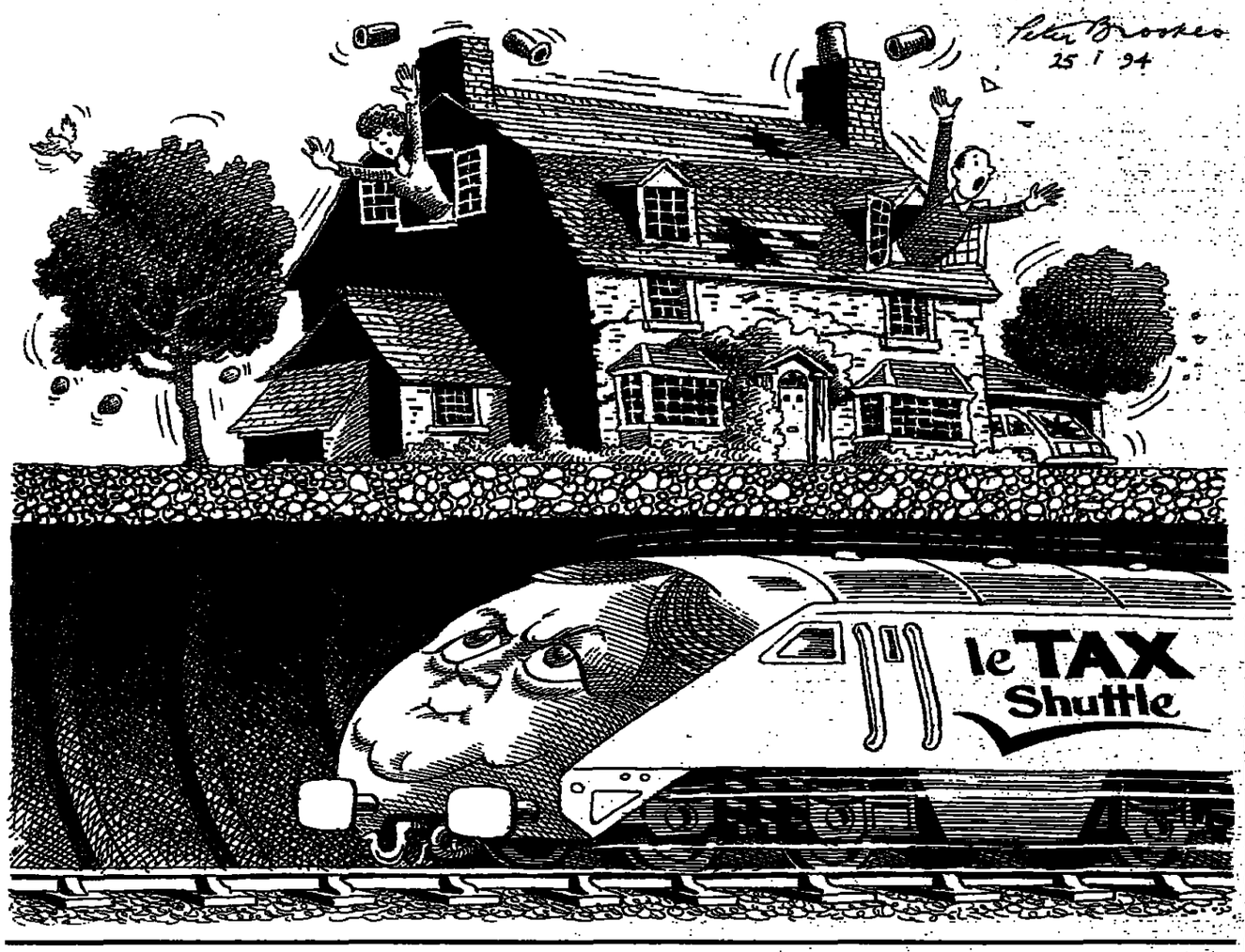
The idea of "Protein Wisdom" in the late Sixties was revolutionary, therefore. Mr Green sincerely believed that too much "married love" could kill, and that the way to banish its excesses was to reduce one's intake of fish, meat, bird. One only hopes he never popped into a picture palace to see Marco Ferreri's film *Blow-Out*, in the mistaken belief that it concerned the perils of Formula One.

But the trouble was, his placard was double-edged, both literally and metaphorically, and open to misuse. Ironically, those who positively embraced the notion of swooning unto easeful death sated with lust (not to mention nuts peas beans), knew from Mr Green's placard precisely which passion-packed items to add to their shopping lists.

What impressed everyone so much about Mr Green's campaign, however, was not its faultless logic but its sheer constancy. After 20 years or so, a chap with a popular message might be expected to paint a new sign, take a new angle, jazz up the slogan; but Mr Green seems never to have done so. "Less passion from less protein" was good enough to begin with, and good enough to end with, too.

Early reports suggest that the Museum of London will display Mr Green's placard, which is absolutely right and proper. By rights, I feel, he ought also to be inserted retrospectively into the works of Dickens. Thus, the last tremendous bustling-street sentence of Little Dorrit would read:

> They went quietly down into the roaring streets, inseparable and blessed: and as they passed along in sunshine and shade, the noisy and the eager, and the arrogant and the forward and the vain, *and that man, you know, with the "Less Passion from Less Protein" sign above his head*, fretted and chafed, and made their usual uproar.



Why Burundi is no joke

Events in Africa prove that the world does turn full circle, and that whole peoples can be crushed on the wheel

Bernard Levin

There is no doubt in my mind that the world does go round. Indeed, I have substantial evidence of the truth of what I say, which truth I propose to share with you today.

In Stratford-on-Avon, on Shakespeare's birthday, it has been the practice for many years to salute the town's greatest son, and for many years the nature of the salute had not changed. It began with the "Procession"; this included the mayor and leading local dignitaries, the diplomatic corps, peers of the realm, the Bishop of Coventry, the actors who would be performing that evening, and not least me, for this story begins in 1976, and I too had a role to play. The custom was to have two speeches at the lunch, one to toast the "Immortal Memory", which that year was done by Lord Denning, and one to toast the theatre, which fell to me.

The route of the procession began at the theatre, but the first stop on the procession was the "Ceremony of the Flags", a most splendid occasion. Some 150 flagpoles had been erected, and ambassadors and high commissioners and such were all ready for the moment at which they would pull the lanyards of their own flags and, as the town's bells rang out, to see 150 flags fluttering in the breeze, and a brave show indeed it was. Unfortunately, though, this moving and marvellous ceremony was, shortly afterwards, abandoned; a pack of smug and self-regarding creeps from the theatre had denounced the whole business because the South African flag would be among the rest. (No, dear, they did not demand the removal of the Soviet flag too. No dear, I don't know why not.)

Anyway, although all the world's flags flew, some countries were too poor or in too much trouble to send a plenipotentiary; the organisers therefore asked some of the guests to stand in for those countries. One of these was Lord Denning, who was playing Mauritius; I was standing beside him, ready to salute Burundi.

I pulled the cord, and Burundi's flag was unfurled. I went to the lunch, spoke, went to the theatre, and came home. But of course I wrote a column about it all, and among the stirring sights and sounds I saluted, I could not resist a good many jokes about my elevation to the rank of Ambassador of Burundi.

A few days later, letters began to arrive; they told me, sadly or fiercely, that Burundi was no joke. Indeed, I learnt that Burundi was one of the most genocidal slaughterhouses (it could not be called a country) in the world. When I had assembled enough trustworthy evidence, I wrote another column about Burundi, in which there were no jokes, but passages like these:

> In Burundi the army attacked all Hutu more or less indiscriminately . . . clerks and skilled workers were systematically rounded up, taken to jail and either shot or beaten to death with rifle butts . . . In Bujumbura alone an estimated 4,000 were loaded on trucks and taken to their graves . . . in secondary and technical schools . . . Scores of Hutu students . . . were assaulted . . . many were beaten to death . . . Throughout May and half June . . . the excavators were busy every night in . . . burying the dead in mass graves . . . Those arrested were usually dead the same night, stripped and practically clubbed to death in covered lorries on the way to prison, then finished off there with clubs at nightfall. Using bullets would have been wasteful . . .

Now what is all this reminiscing, gay and grave? It is this: my enlightenment about the horrors of Burundi was recorded in my column published here on May 21, 1976, following my jesting on the subject a few weeks before. So we are talking about events that occurred 17 years ago in Burundi.

Oh we are, are we? Well listen to this: I quote from *Time* magazine — a *Time* now, not 17 years in the past:

> . . . an eerie stillness pervades the chill morning air . . . All the villagers, it seems, have fled, except for those who could not. They lie in an old gas station, a dozen charred bodies sprawled on the concrete, their clothes burned off, limbs twisted . . . young boys . . . were killed for one reason: they belonged to the Tutsi tribe . . . Burundi's two ethnic groups have been killing each other by the thousands . . . it is still not clear who is in power . . .

And now listen to this, from the *Herald Tribune*, a day or two later:

> The young woman . . . had made her way down the steepest part of the hill, leaving a trail of blood and scattered pieces of children's clothing. The trail led across the dirt road and stopped where she died . . . Dozens of villagers, members of the Hutu ethnic group, died that morning in an attack by soldiers . . . in a cycle of ethnic violence that has killed thousands in Burundi and driven hundreds of thousands from their homes since October 21st. "The military and the Tutsis came to kill us . . . in the morning," said . . . a Hutu farmer who escaped. "They had machetes and bows and arrows and they killed my wife and children. All we could do is run away. The soldiers had guns. We cannot fight that."

And now consider this, from our correspondent in Burundi:

> The Hutu were told: "They [the Tutsi] have killed the President. Kill them before they kill you. So people were terrified and they did. Those who refused were also killed. Then the army came and took revenge." According to surviving members of the government, which has been paralysed by the bloodletting, at least 150,000 were killed in one week in Burundi.

Now will you agree with me that the world does go round? Seventeen years have passed since I charted the horrors of communal murder in Burundi; yet the way to kill large numbers of people for no sane reason has plainly not been forgotten, and a great part of the population seems to prefer murder to peace. Ironies abound; Burundi had been gradually accustomed to the idea of democracy, and there were real votes from real voters; the Hutu put a Hutu candidate in the presidency, the first time a Hutu governed the country. It was probably the last time, too, because the president was assassinated a month later by the Tutsi.

I said a moment ago that many in Burundi prefer murder to peace; I used the phrase for emphasis, but it now strikes me that the phrase was nothing but the literal truth. Now considering the poverty of the country, the attraction for murder must be very considerable.

Is there an explanation of such a phenomenon — an explanation we could understand? The Hutu hate the Tutsi; the Tutsi hate the Hutu, and are the dominant tribe, though numerically smaller. I can see that a good deal of friction could be the result of such a situation, but slaughter? The packing of thousands into trucks, beating them half dead on the journey and finishing them off at journey's end?

There is, of course, one explanation ready to hand; this would be embraced eagerly by Mr Terre'Blanche. It is that the people of Burundi are animals, only half-way to being human, so that it should surprise nobody when they slaughter each other for reasons impossible to fathom by people further up the evolutionary ladder. That answer would solve the problem, but it cannot be correct; among the carnage, the voice of humanity itself can be heard, even if it is only asking for mercy. (And anyway, have you visited Macedonia lately?)

Perhaps domination is born in human beings, or at least some of them. From the school bully to genocide is a considerable distance, but perhaps there are gradations of such things, even though the fundamental gene runs through them all. Perhaps, then, the members of African tribes cannot help themselves but must dominate or disappear. For assuredly, when Hutu and Tutsi clash, and clash mortally, it is not for pelf, dominator or dominated, there is nothing of monetary value for picking up from a Burundi corpse, whichever tribe he belonged to.

What is the ultimate aim in this story? Do the Tutsi or the Hutu dream of a world from which their enemies have been entirely eliminated — in which real genocide has done its work? Surely not. Do the Hutu or the Tutsi, then, dream of a peace treaty, one which would hold even the most fanatical hater? Surely not, again. Or perhaps both sides have read Shakespeare, and

> . . . like so many Alexanders,
> Have in these parts from morn till even fought,
> And sheath'd their swords for lack of argument.

No, it is nothing like that. But if 17 years are not enough for old revenges and old hates to have died down, there is little hope that another 17, or even 34, will do it. Well, at least I shall not be making more jokes about Burundi.

The grey will win at the post

John Major is still the best election bet, says Woodrow Wyatt

Of course those parts of the press which used to be firmly Tory are right to criticise the Government — it is essential to democracy. The official Opposition stubbornly remains unelectable, linked to the unions, and is led by Mr Smith, who insists on preaching 19th-century Scottish socialism. Naturally, Labour needs the unions' money, as the Tory Party needs money from businessmen. But whereas Labour in government co-operates with the unions and takes their advice, the Tory Party infuriates their business supporters by ignoring theirs. The spleen of formerly solid Tory newspapers is directed at Mr Major.

Some repeat inaccurate hearsay about him, as in the case of the famous dinner party given for Gus O'Donnell's retirement. I have checked with four people who were there: they never heard Mr Major say he would "crucify" some of his own party. We also have the stout denial from Sir Bernard Ingham; and of the notion that he was in a depressed mood — being, on the contrary, full of optimism and cheer.

Much of the Tory press and the media, specially the BBC, have exceeded legitimate criticism. For the Tory press, which fears a Labour government, this is suicide as well. There is a constant drip-drip effect created by the calls for Mr Major to go. For my old and admirable friend Bernard Levin in *The Times* to demand an election now plus a Labour victory is near lunacy, of which I hope he will repent.

Mr Major is taunted with lack of leadership and presiding over a sleazy party. It cannot be gainsaid that there has been a recent run of relatively unimportant ministers letting Mr Major down. But similar misbehaviour is prevalent in the Labour and Lib-Dem parties. There has been nothing like the furore over Jack Profumo, which was thought to herald the downfall of the Tory Party in the 1964 election. Although Sir Alec Douglas-Home, who succeeded Harold Macmillan, was considered lacking in leadership and in his understanding of economics (he charmingly told us he did his monetary calculations with matchsticks), Labour had a majority of merely three.

I believe that the public, with its sturdy British sense of fair play and ability to spot injustice, feels that Major has been monstrously treated in the manner of the attacks on him by the media, and a tide will begin to move in his favour. Mr Major found himself Prime Minister before he was really ready. He has learnt a great deal and has been toughened.

We may expect much prompter dismissals of those who give his party a bad name, even though they may be friends. But what is this strong leadership he is supposed not to have? Ultimately, it is those in the factories and in commerce who determine the prosperity of Britain and they will achieve it, provided that they are not interfered with by politicians at the top. Mr Major has given them the right framework.

Those throughout the media who last year said that his policies were hopeless now hail a Britain coming out of the world recession first and in tip-top shape. They pretend that this owes nothing to Mr Major. They bang on about the exchange-rate mechanism (though Lady Thatcher put us into it), which was for a significant period valuable in the all-important goal of reducing inflation. If the agitated advice of pundits to cut interest rates at the wrong times had been followed, we would be in a dreadful mess today.

Mr Major's strong and courageous leadership was remarkable when he dared the rebels on Maastricht (for which he had previously received a hung Commons majority) to combine with the Opposition in defeating the Government and thus force a general election. It was a near-run thing which only a Prime Minister with steely nerves would have risked. He is a brilliant negotiator, as witness the Edinburgh summit at which he wrested considerable concessions, and he was a prime mover with President Clinton in pushing the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) through. What more is expected from this not grey but endlessly interesting man with hidden depths?

There is discontent over a temporary uplift in taxes, which the Tory Party does reluctantly, and in which the Labour and Lib Dem parties glory by aiming to make it a permanent feature. The results of the coming local and European Parliament elections will look calamitous for Mr Major. Instead of transparently absurd cries from Tory leaders of "we are going to win", it would be highly refreshing, and in the long run pleasing, to the electorate if the Tories were to say in advance that they do not expect to win but will try hard.

That should be the nadir of Mr Major's fortunes. Thereafter, rising prosperity, which everyone knows is coming, will carry him to victory at the next election, which need not be till April 1997. On Saturday at Kempton I bet £300 tax free with William Hill bookmakers at evens that Mr Major will still be in charge at the next election, and another £300 at 6-5 that the Tories will win the largest number of seats.

I alone forecast the percentage of votes Mr Major would get over Labour at the last election. I advise punters to get on at these lovely odds before everyone wakes up to reality and bookmakers cut them sharply.

Major as mentor

IT IS all very well for the Labour MP Frank Field to suggest a committee of wise men to oversee the upbringing of Prince William and Prince Harry. But who does he have in mind? Somewhat surprisingly, Field opts for John Major, "because of the political and constitutional position". And Norma Major. "After all they seem rather good at raising children in the public light." Not to mention the fact that Field is very keen on equal representation for wise women.

While not altogether agreeing with Field's idea, many courtiers bemoan the lack of a mentor for the princes, a role filled for Prince Charles by Earl Mountbatten of Burma. First stop should be the princes' numerous godparents — who include Sir Laurens van der Post, Lord Romsey and Carolyn Bartholomew.

Lord Coggan, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, says the traditional role of godparent is often over-looked these days. "Their job is to see to the spiritual welfare of the children as they grow up," he says. "Very often, regrettably, it is now a social mark — godparents are very often asked to take this solemn promise with no regard to what they are actually promising." Something that the Prince and Princess of Wales, who have 26 and 16 godchildren respectively, will no doubt bear in mind.

The Archdeacon of York, the Ven George Austin, who has questioned Prince Charles' suitability for the throne, is non-committal. "I think Diana is doing a good job with their upbringing. I wish there was some evidence of spiritual guidance but I think it's different with royal godparents. There are so many of them."

But royal biographer Penny Junor dismisses Field's suggestion as ridiculous. "There are no wise men who know what two little boys want. They aren't short of love. You might as well get a band of social workers to deal with the problem."

● *Throughout his long career, the* Whitley Bay Seaside Chronicle *was the benchmark by which Brian Redhead judged all journalistic endeavour. Sadly though, the* Chronicle, *where Redhead practised his craft before going up to Cambridge, is no more. It was merged with the* Whitley Bay Guardian *in 1957, in which form it survived until 1985 when it became the* News Guardian, *a free weekly paper for the Tyne and Wear area.*

DIARY

A loyal few still recall his first convincing effort at an April Fools' Day story. Sadly, the penguins just never turned up.

Breadline news

THE PRINCE of Wales may be headline news in Britain but in Australia, reports of his visit are being eclipsed by the saga of the ministerial sandwich shop.

On Sunday Alan Griffiths suddenly resigned as industry, technology and regional development minister following newspaper allegations that he had misused Labour Party funds to prop up his ailing Melbourne sandwich shop, called Above the Breadline.

Griffiths's bread-buttering partner in the business was allegedly paid $A5,000 (£2,300) of Labour Party money, culminating in the second ministerial resignation Paul Keating has suffered in as many months. "He was a young hopeful; the meat in the government's sandwich if you like," comments one newspaper hand. "Compared to all this stuff, the Prince of Wales is one great big yawn."

Healey gets the pip

LORD Healey seems to have lost none of his punch as a heavyweight bruiser if his weekend spat with Lord Parkinson is anything to go by. Healey insists, as he did on BBC's *World This Weekend*, that he never promised to tax the rich "until the pips squeak". Healey bet Parkinson £100 on air to provide the evidence. "I said there would be howls of anguish from those rich enough to pay."

Nonsense, says Parkinson. "I would say 90 per cent of people interested in politics would accept that he said it. If I have to pay up, it's no big deal." So what is the truth?

Page 369 of Healey's autobiography *The Time of My Life* provides an important clue. He told the 1973 Labour Party conference: "There are going to be howls of anguish from the 80,000 people who are rich enough to pay over 75 per cent on the last slice of their income." Sounds like Lord P needs to be in funds.



● *The Royal Bank of Scotland in Edinburgh is steeling itself for the return of Lord Erskine of Rerrick, currently at the centre of an arms controversy in the former Soviet republic. The 68-year-old peer from northern Cyprus, who after a financial disagreement altered his will to bequeath the bank his testicles saying its staff hadn't got any, is planning to return to Scotland. The bank is unimpressed: "We do not see much point in him calling at this stage."*

Church conversion

IT IS not only the once exquisite medieval church of St Ethelburga's that may be lost to the City of London in the wake of last April's IRA bomb explosion. The parish clerk Paul Sutherland, who has led the campaign to rebuild the medieval building, is off too — on the increasingly crowded road to Rome.

What has finally persuaded Sutherland to convert, it seems, is the lukewarm response from the Church of England hierarchy to calls for the restoration of St Ethelburga's. Shortly after Lord Templeman's report on City churches this Friday — which inside sources predict will recommend the closure of nearly a dozen City churches — Sutherland will trot to the nearby medieval church of St Etheldreda's in Ely Place, Holborn, on Candlemas.

However he hopes to remain secretary of the Friends of St Ethelburga's. "I thought women priests were the last straw," sighs Sutherland. "But when I saw the inaction of the Church of England after the bombing — that tipped the balance."

● *As Chris Patten hobnobbed with former colleagues in Downing Street yesterday, one door to a return to political life in Britain was closing. Bath, the constituency which so dramatically tipped the former party chairman out of office, has selected a new Conservative candidate, Alison McNair, a 32-year-old chartered accountant who contested Greenwich last time out. Agent Malcolm Hayward says: "She's lovely." Nobody ever said that of Patten.*

TIME FOR EARTH TO MOVE

The delays in the Channel tunnel link have been long enough

The route is apparently settled. John MacGregor's long-awaited announcement on the high-speed Channel tunnel link from St Pancras to the Kent coast ends almost seven years of muddle. The delays and reverses have blighted huge swathes of south-east England, squandered political credibility, highlighted the incoherence of Britain's approach to long-term infrastructure projects and wasted an estimated £140 million of taxpayers' money in the purchase of property that need never have been bought — enough to fund the complete refurbishment of any of the main lines now crumbling for lack of investment.

The slippage in the timetable has given Britain an unenviable reputation abroad. Not until 2002 at the earliest will the route be ready to take the Eurostar trains that are to begin their slow trundle to Waterloo International this summer — eight years after the opening of Britain's greatest postwar engineering project. Since 1987 when the Channel tunnel treaty was signed, there have been at least four reversals of policy over funding, alignment, consortium make-up and environmental damage.

Overshadowing all this has been the vacillation over government funding. So zealous was the original notion that private enterprise must build the link that millions of pounds from the European Community were rejected because they required a government contribution. The planners have gone back and forth over how many tunnels should be bored, the cost of a new station at Ashford International, the merits of an underground terminal at Kings Cross as part of a comprehensive redevelopment, and the connections for freight routes to the north. Each delay has pushed up the cost. Like Tarquin the Proud's belated purchase of the Sibylline books, the government is now having to pay very much more for something it could earlier have had at a far cheaper price. Selling back property purchased during the property boom will entail a loss of £140 million. Engineering studies alone total £350 million. And although Mr MacGregor gave no figures yesterday, the the government will probably now pay half the £3 billion estimated cost.

To set against this miserable history, yesterday's announcement has much in it that is sensible. An underground station at King's Cross would have been a white elephant to match Waterloo International: the splendid vaulted cathedral at St Pancras, now underused, will make a fine starting point for journeys to Paris and Brussels. The long tunnel under Islington is welcome, though conservationists have lost the battle for the North Downs. Mr MacGregor's insistence that work will go ahead "on the fastest possible timetable" is essential in keeping together the skilled engineering and tunnelling teams who are now finishing work in the Channel Tunnel.

Some details are still awkwardly uncertain. Much depends now on whether private developers will take up the challenge and whether they will insist on yet more changes and route modifications. The expected avalanche of objections from the unlucky householders in the trains' path means a legislative process that may take up to two years. The link can hardly wait this long before congestion blocks the temporary refurbished route to Waterloo. Mr MacGregor's announcement should give a vital fillip now to the construction industry. The earth-movers must begin immediately.

RIDING ROUGHSHOD

Revivals in national and local morale are closely linked

History is a hard taskmaster, as the Local Government Commission is discovering. With Michael Portillo's speech about national identity still ringing around the country, the commission's proposals for Yorkshire, published yesterday, set out to restore the ancient boundaries of the Ridings. Sir John Banham and his team plan to create a political geography in the North for the year 2000 that is not so far from that recorded in Domesday Book. Sir John might suppose that he had done Yorkshiremen a cultural service. But many of them remain deeply dissatisfied.

The historic case for the restoration of these thousand-year-old political divisions is powerful. Imported to England by the Vikings, the term "riding" — literally, "third" in Old Norse — survived in official language until the Heath-Walker reform of local government of 1974. The commission has recommended the recreation of the East, North and West Ridings, as part of its replacement of a two-tier system of two county and 17 district councils with seven unitary authorities in North Yorkshire and Humberside. But some inhabitants of the area have objected that the proposed boundaries of the West Riding from Selby to Craven do not conform to the old limits, which included the rest of South Yorkshire. The scaled-down version, some claim, is a cartographer's insult.

This complaint goes too far. The new West Riding authority will cover 1,200 square miles, larger than Lancashire or Derbyshire, to have gone further in the name of historic authenticity would have been an error of judgment, potentially damaging to the provision of local services. Nonetheless, the strength of feeling which Sir John's proposals have provoked in this area should send a warning signal both to the commission and to John Gummer, the Environment Secretary.

In some areas, the commission is playing a sensibly conservative role by seeking to remove from the political map those artificial authorities created in 1974 which have failed to inspire the allegiance of local people. Few are likely to miss Cleveland, Avon and Humberside in the future as they now miss the Ridings. But in other respects the commission's brief is open to question. In particular, the Government's dogmatic preference for unitary authorities instead of the current two-tier structure has yet to be justified. Local government spends too much and employs too many people. Yet there is a risk that the creation of unitary councils in some areas may remove economies of scale, duplicate bureaucracies, and increase local taxes. Mr Gummer should not reject out of hand Sir John's recommendation yesterday that Lincolnshire retain its two tier system.

The angry passions stirred among many in Yorkshire are not the end of Sir John's troubles. The people of Somerset are already preparing to fight the likely partition of the county into Taunton Deane, Sedgemoor and South Somerset. He faces the unenviable challenge of trying to reconcile ancestral identities rooted in geography with the demands of administrative efficiency. To achieve this he needs time to combine analysis with careful salesmanship of his decisions. The Government's determination to accelerate the commission's work is understandable but will not necessarily help this delicate task.

WAXING POPULIST

The ANC must not run from economic reality

The African National Congress (ANC) has revealed its blueprint for the economic policy it will pursue after elections in April. It is a populist package, irresponsibly delivered to the country's expectant black majority. This "reconstruction and development programme" — a patent misnomer — will only retard and distort South Africa's economy. And it represents a failure of statesmanship on the part of Nelson Mandela, sitting unhappily with the changes in favour of a market economy detected in recent ANC thinking.

The ANC has promised a great deal: it will create more than two million new jobs through public works programmes over ten years, build 300,000 homes a year, provide free health care and education "for all", assured access to potable water, cheap electricity and food zero-rated for VAT. Of course these are well-intentioned goals: it is a scandal that the vast majority in South Africa lives in a state of material deprivation. But this ambitious programme will have to be paid for, and the ANC has failed abjectly to convince economists that it can do so.

The ANC states — and it will be a considerable feat if this can be pulled off — that it will finance the programme "in ways that do not cause undue inflation or balance of payments difficulties". Trevor Manuel, effectively the ANC's shadow finance minister, has promised that there will be no increase in the total tax take, only a "rearrangement" of tax extraction. Compounding the unreality of the exercise, the programme is to be achieved without an increase in borrowing: this cannot possibly be serious. And plans for a new "reconstruction bond" are naively optimistic. To its discredit, the ANC has struck an ambiguous posture on nationalisation — the dreaded N-word that Nelson Mandela is careful not to use when travelling abroad. It finds a place in the programme as an option to be employed after evaluating "the balance of evidence" in future contexts. This does not inspire confidence, allowing even for the charitable view that the programme be seen as an election manifesto that could be remoulded in later months.

Nelson Mandela cannot please everyone, and he should not try and do so. His supporters want deliverance from poverty and tangible economic empowerment. There are political dangers, born of frustrated expectations, if he gives them too little. But there is danger of economic instability if he gives them too much too soon, putting at risk the country's wealth-creating potential. It is Mr Mandela's duty — both to his supporters and to the economy — to strip away false illusions, scale down expectations and avoid lavish promises. His support base is widely thought to be solid and he can afford to tell home truths.

The ANC must abandon this populist brew of Keynes and cant in favour of a plain-speaking commitment to judicious fiscal and trade policies, and to macroeconomic common sense. Mr Mandela might begin to repair the damage to confidence caused by his party's programme by promising to retain Derek Keys, the current finance minister, and Chris Stals, the Chairman of the Reserve Bank, after the elections. Their retention will be a reassuring antidote to the populist tunes Mr Mandela feels compelled to play on the stump. It will be an antidote, too, to the ANC's flawed economic programme.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Mumbo-jumbo in the Finance Bill

From the President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants

Sir, The 1994 Finance Bill raises questions about more than taxation ("Outcry over 'bloated' tax Bill", Business, January 12). It is also a timely example of how poor draftsmanship can deaden the most benign official measure.

Here we have a Bill, one of the aims of which is to reduce the considerable burden on the self-employed. This laudable aim is suffocated under 41 clauses on self-assessment, expressed in language that would have gladdened counsel in the case of *Jarndyce vs Jarndyce*.

The intended beneficiaries will be obliged to consume yet more of their time in understanding the law, and precious profits in seeking professional advice — which may in turn be challenged by an equally bemused Inland Revenue. All this in the name of "simplification", under a government which has just published a Deregulation Bill [report, January 20] as a key feature of its legislative programme.

Could not the procedures for drafting legislation include some check on the clarity and precision of the language used in a Bill by persons other than the officials who are directly responsible? It would surely not be difficult for the Government to require departments to test whether the wording of a draft Bill or regulation was likely to cause problems of comprehension and interpretation. An easily understood Finance Bill: that really would be back to basics.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL CHAMBERLAIN,
President, The Institute of Chartered Accountants,
PO Box 433,
Chartered Accountants' Hall,
Moorgate Place, EC2.
January 19.

From Mr Anthony D. Thomas

Sir, I was a member of the working party set up last year by the Institute for Fiscal Studies to consider the provisions for introducing self-assessment. We spent considerable time and effort attempting to convince the Inland Revenue that the purpose of this legislation was simplification and not complexity. Sadly we were unsuccessful.

It can be no coincidence that we are now faced with an enormous and unacceptably long Finance Bill. This cannot be right for the accountancy and legal professions, the Inland Revenue staff, or the tax-paying public. May I suggest that the Prime Minister should now intervene with a Save Us All From Mumbo-Jumbo Charter.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY THOMAS,
Flat 1, 9 Bilton Road,
Rugby, Warwickshire.

Taxes as share of national income

From Professor D. R. Myddelton

Sir, The Conservative Party manifesto in the 1979 general election said: "The state takes too much of the nation's income; its share must be steadily reduced." I calculate that in 1979 taxes took about 45 per cent of the national income; yet it seems clear that taxes this year will be even higher.

In fact, the trend in taxes (letters, January 15, 19, 22, 24) has been upwards throughout this century. In 1900, calculated on the same basis, taxes took 10 per cent of the national income; in 1930, 23 per cent; in 1960, 35 per cent; and in 1990, 48 per cent.

In order to cut taxes, governments must cut their spending, most of which is now on the welfare state. This can be done. There is no need for those who can afford to pay for themselves — the vast majority — to be compelled to pay heavy taxes into a collective pool for the nanny state to dole out again in so-called "free" benefits.

It would make more sense to reduce taxes and allow more choice for consumers with more competition between producers. That would still permit tax-financed help for the needy.

Yours sincerely,
D. R. MYDDELTON,
Cranfield School of Management,
Cranfield, Bedford.
January 24.

From Mr John V. Wilson

Sir, The reports by Anatole Kaletsky and Janet Bush of January 13, exposing as false the Conservatives' claim to be the party of low taxes on incomes, surely only strengthen the case for now combining national insurance with income tax into one readily understandable, graduated tax payable by employees and the self-employed.

Employers could pay a simple 10 per cent of gross pay in lieu of the present employers' insurance contribution (but the ultimate aim should be to eliminate this deterrent against employing staff). Enormous savings would result, both in the Civil Service and in businesses generally.

Another worthwhile simplification would be to change the tax year-end from April 5 to March 31, with the PAYE monthly accounting periods then coinciding with the calendar months instead of ending on the fifth of the month following.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN WILSON,
Broadside, Limpsfield Chart,
Oxted, Surrey.
January 13.

From Mr Kim Richards

Sir, The article by Anatole Kaletsky and Janet Bush, which seeks to show that direct taxation has increased under Conservative government, is not surprising. As we become better off we expect to pay a larger percentage of our income in direct tax.

Your contributors have only confirmed that in the last 15 years we have become richer.

Yours faithfully,
KIM RICHARDS,
31 Gledhow Gardens, SW5.
January 13.

From Mr Neil Moore

Sir, It is surely more relevant to compare Mr Clarke's tax regime with the rival parties' current programmes than with those of a Government which left office 15 years ago.

Yours etc,
NEIL MOORE,
Renby, Eridge Green, East Sussex.
January 14.

British aid

From Mr Ben Jackson

Sir, As your excellent leader, "Dam deceit" (January 19), says, the British aid programme has been abused and exposed by the Pergau dam project. What makes the points you raise even more worrying is that Malaysia may not be an isolated case.

There are, for example, other countries which are major purchasers of British arms, but which also receive more aid than would be expected under the Government's policy of aid to the poorest countries. Oman is a prime case, as is Indonesia, where aid has' tripled since 1980 and which, despite human rights abuses, is the fourth largest buyer of British arms.

We believe that the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee must investigate not only Britain's aid to Malaysia, but also the whole issue of the subordination of the aid programme to Britain's foreign and commercial policies.

Yours faithfully,
BEN JACKSON
(Campaigns Coordinator),
World Development Movement,
25 Beehive Place, SW9.
January 19.

Trapped by CrossRail

From Mr Raymond Durrant

Sir, Under the present compensation laws the prospect of compulsory acquisition of residential property by CrossRail [letters, January 17, 24] is likely to be viewed with apprehension by some home-owners.

These are the ones who find their homes in line for compulsory acquisition to make way for the various rail schemes and are caught in the negative equity trap.

There is an urgent need for the Government to bring forward an equitable scheme of compensation, so that any affected families do not have their houses acquired at current market values: these values may be substantially below the purchase prices that were appropriate in the boom years of the 1980s. If this happens, families may find themselves decanted into local authority accommodation still owing the lending source part of the original mortgage.

Yours faithfully,
RAYMOND DURRANT
(Chartered Surveyor),
195 Marshalswick Lane,
St Albans, Hertfordshire.
January 17.

The air we breathe

From Mr Frank Paton

Sir, Tomorrow's taxi and bus drivers will not be able to fill up with fuel supplied from Britain's farms under the present fiscal policy. As you report ("Rover gears up for flower power with tests on rape oil", January 13), biodiesel costs 32p a litre to produce compared with 12p for hydrocarbon diesel, and until excise duties are relaxed it cannot be sold here commercially.

In continental Europe licences have been granted under an EU directive for pilot plants to distil and sell, free of excise duty, biodiesel from oilseed rape. This is comparable in every way to hydrocarbon diesel but does not pollute the atmosphere with carbon monoxide and other pollutants.

The European Commission aims to produce 5 per cent of all diesel used in the Community from oil-bearing crops by 2005. It claims that this will reduce carbon emissions into the atmosphere by 180 million tonnes annually.

This is an exciting new opportunity for the motor industry, agriculture and public health. It is to be hoped that our Government will grant licences for similar pilot plants so that Britain may become a leader in this new and important field.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK PATON,
Smocombe House, Enmore,
Bridgwater, Somerset.
January 18.

From Mr Peter Binning

Sir, Your investigation into the pollution in our cities (reports, January 10-12; letters, January 19, 24) is to be welcomed. Will you now publish air quality information on a daily basis, like newspapers in Australia?

Yours faithfully,
PETER BINNING,
9 Netherfield Road, SW17.
January 11.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 071-782 5046.

Service charges as par for the course

From Mr David C. Roger

Sir, I wish the Government showed as much interest in the hospitality industry as you did (report, article by Peter Millar and leading article, "Tip of the iceberg", January 19).

Anyway, well done, Mr Michael Fabricant, MP, for his "futile but fun" attempt to stop the practice of adding a service charge at the end of restaurant bills. It's a pity the Government did not have the commitment to do this in 1988, instead of merely issuing a largely ignored code of practice.

We tried several years ago to scrap any mention of service from our prices but, as Robin Young intimated in his report, in a country where guests expect a service charge it leads to confusion. At present we and many restaurants include service in all prices. This is clearly marked on the menu and on the final account for credit cards. We use an electronic system and there is no space left for any gratuity.

Unfortunately, our industry, like others, has its fair share of "bandits" and only a new law will bring them into line.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID C. ROGER,
Marchesi's Restaurant,
18 Albion Street, Broadstairs, Kent.
January 19.

From the Chief Executive of the Consumers' Association

Sir, Gratifying as it was to read the view in your leading article that good waiter service should be par for the course, you appear to have misunderstood a fundamental part of Michael Fabricant's proposed legislation.

Having campaigned on the diner's behalf for years, we, too, think the extra 15 per cent service charge which often appears on the bottom of a bill can leave a nasty taste in the mouth after an otherwise excellent meal.

However, the ten-minute rule Bill introduced last Tuesday will not stop a consumer from leaving a tip to reward exceptional service. Equally, consumers would still be within their rights to withhold a proportion of their bill to show disapproval of poor service.

If, as you suggest, restaurant staff become surly and inefficient because service charges are abolished, they will no doubt quickly learn their customers' and employers' view of such behaviour. Good service is, after all, one of the very things for which we visit a restaurant. We should not be expected to fork out extra to receive it.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BEISHON,
Chief Executive,
Consumers' Association,
2 Marylebone Road, NW1.
January 20.

From the Vice-Chairman of the Restaurateurs Association

Sir, Your leading article rightly confirms the confusion that the variation in service charge treatment brings to the consumer. It also supports our view that the phrase "service charge" is wholly outdated since service is what restaurants are paid to provide. However, the idea that waiters can only be motivated by tips is a red herring as there are dozens of ways that restaurants can encourage staff, including a formal share of turnover.

Our chairman, Prue Leith, has led the countless calls for legislation to ensure that all that a customer is required to pay is included in menu prices. This would leave the consumer free to leave a tip for exceptional service if he wants to and produce a long-overdue, straightforward solution to this endless debate.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN D. MOSS,
Vice-Chairman, Restaurateurs Association of Great Britain,
190 Queen's Gate, SW7.
January 20.

From Mr Richard Harden and Mr Peter Harden

Sir, The restaurant trade delights in obfuscating the very simple issue involved in the service charges debate.

The first issue is why, as service charges are not in any meaningful sense optional, a restaurateur should be able to pretend that a £5 pizza costs £4.50. The alleged justifications are nonsense — all that the practice does is encourage dishonest presentation.

If service compris became the norm, the second issue, the uncompleted credit card slip, would simply fall away. If the basic level of service was always included, it would be clear that any additional payment was expected (and given) only in recognition of a special degree of attentiveness.

When there is so much good news about for the restaurant-goer, it is a shame that the industry continues to draw quite justified opprobrium for these practices.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD HARDEN,
PETER HARDEN (Editors),
Harden's London Restaurants,
PO Box 1500,
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January 19.

From Mr M. I. Gee

Sir, It is all very well to be able to tip a waiter or waitress who has been especially attentive, but what about the chef who has excelled himself that day and often does not receive a share of the tips? And would you tip a waiter, however attentive, who served you with mediocre food because the chef was having an off day?

Tips arise simply because employers assume that they will, and so they pay inadequate wages. As you say, restaurants are paid to provide service, but they should incur the full cost of employing their staff; it is ridiculous that the level of staff remuneration should depend on the whims of the customers.

If "service charges" had to be included in the menu prices, which would then reflect proper wages for the job, not only would it eliminate the common experience of feeling that one has been ripped off but it would also make it more difficult for a restaurant to make itself seem at first sight to be more competitively priced than it really is.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL GEE,
6 Cenacle Close, NW3.
January 19.

Nurse sickness rates

From the General Secretary of the Royal College of Nursing

Sir, It is indeed true that nurse absenteeism has risen over the past two years (David Crosby's letter, January 20). The Royal College of Nursing's report, "Absent Nurses: the Costs and Consequences", carried out by the Institute of Manpower Studies last September, concluded that managers linked growing absenteeism with increased workloads, organisational change and job insecurity.

The report showed that most nurses are strongly committed to their jobs, often go into work when they are ill and feel guilty when they do take time off. Illness, work-related injuries — particularly back injuries — stress, family and other commitments are the reasons for nurses' absence.

The RCN believes that in the best interests of the NHS as a whole managers must address the root causes of absence. The most effective preventive action they can take is to ensure training in lifting and handling techniques and provide the appropriate mechanical aids for lifting; introduce flexible hours and staff counselling to alleviate stress; and, above all, guarantee realistic staffing levels.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTINE HANCOCK,
General Secretary,
Royal College of Nursing,
20 Cavendish Square, W1.

Price of integrity

From Father Allan White, OP

Sir, You illustrated John Phillips's article (January 15) on the hopes for a second Renaissance in Italian life and politics with a picture of the burning of three Dominican friars in Florence in 1498. Fra Girolamo Savonarola, OP, and his companions were condemned for attempting to restore some integrity to fifteenth-century civic life.

Their summons back to basics held no charms for Pope Alexander VI and the municipal government of Florence. Are we to understand that the modern Italian revival you predict will take a similar turn?

Yours faithfully,
ALLAN WHITE
(Editor, *New Blackfriars*),
Blackfriars, Oxford.
January 15.

Matchless trio

From the Honourable Mr Justice Ward

Sir, I wonder if you are able to identify a comparable occasion when, in less than one month, we have mourned the loss of three figures who, linked together by their great love of life, have represented the nation's character as well as have Brian Johnston, Sir Matt Busby and Brian Redhead?

Yours in sorrow yet in fun,
ALAN WARD,
Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, WC2.
January 24.

Dark secret?

From Mr Neil Graham

Sir, Jonathan Portch writes (letter, January 21) that he was reluctant to open a box of Pandora matches. Similarly, I was able to resist the urge to enter an establishment I came upon in Kamp-Lintfort, Germany, last autumn: the Malaria Café and Restaurant.

Yours sincerely,
NEIL GRAHAM,
71 Rydal Road,
Chester-le-Street, Co Durham.

SOCIAL NEWS

Birthdays today

The Rev Professor G.W. Anderson, theologian, 81; Mrs Cory Aquino, former President of The Philippines, 61; Sir Tom Arnold, MP, 47; Mr Raymond Baxter, writer and broadcaster, 72; Viscount Blakenham, 56; Mr Russell Braddon, author, 73; the Most Rev Dermot Clifford, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly, 55; Vice-Admiral Sir David Clutterbuck, 81; the Earl of Coventry, 60; Miss Emma Freud, broadcaster, 32; Sir Paul Girolami, chairman, Glaxo Holdings, 68; Mr Brian Hayes, HM Inspector of Constabulary, South East Region, 54; Lord Iliffe, 86; Professor G.E.R. Lloyd, master, Darwin College, Cambridge, 61; Sir James Mellon, diplomat, 65; Sir David Nicholas, former chairman and chief executive, ITN, 64; Sir Donald Nicholls, Vice-Chancellor of the Supreme Court, 61; Mr William O'Brien, MP, 65; Air Commodore A.A. Reed, former director, RAF Nursing Services, 64; Mr David Shattock, chief constable, Avon and Somerset, 58; Mr Tom Shebbeare, director, The Prince's Trust and The Royal Jubilee Trusts, 42; Miss Angela Thorne, actress, 55; Professor Edward Ullendorff, former professor of Ethiopian studies, 74; Viscount Watkinson, CH, 84; Admiral Sir Peter White, 75.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: St Edmund Campion, Jesuit martyr, London, 1540; Robert Boyle, chemist, Lissmore, Co Waterford, 1627; Joseph Lagrange, mathematician, Turin, 1736; Robert Burns, poet, Alloway, 1759; Sir Francis Burdett, politician, 1770; John Arbuthnot Fisher, 1st Baron Fisher, admiral of the fleet, Ceylon, 1841; William Somerset Maugham, novelist and dramatist, Paris, 1874; Virginia Woolf, novelist and critic, London, 1882; Wilhelm Furtwängler, conductor, Berlin, 1886; Witold Lutoslawski, composer, Warsaw, 1913.

DEATHS: Robert Burton, author of *Anatomy of Melancholy*, Oxford, 1640; William Shield, composer, London, 1829; Dorothy Wordsworth, writer, Rydal, Cumbria, 1855; Frederic Leighton, Baron Leighton, President of the Royal Academy 1878-96, Kensington, 1896; Ouida (pseudonym of Louise de la Ramee), novelist, Viareggio, Italy, 1908.

King Edward III acceded to the throne, 1327.

King Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn were married, 1533.

The London Chamber of Commerce met for the first time, 1882.

The League of Nations was founded, 1919.

Reception

NAHAT

Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Secretary of State for Health, was the principal guest at the annual reception of the National Association of Health Authorities Trusts held last night at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster. She was welcomed by Dr Chris Robinson, chairman.

Today's royal engagements

Prince Edward, as Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Pegasus Project, will attend the Travel Industry Globe awards at Grosvenor House at 7.15.

Princess Alexandra will visit the Star and Garter Home, Richmond, at 11.00; and will visit the Guy's and St Thomas' National Clinical PET Centre at St Thomas' Hospital at 3.30.

Mrs Brian Johnston

Mrs Brian Johnston wishes to thank the many kind friends who have written to her and for the wonderful tributes given to her husband Brian. She regrets that she is unable to reply to all of them at present.

A memorial service will take place on Monday, May 16, in Westminster Abbey at noon.

St Michael's, Tawstock

The Governors are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Robert Yetzes as Headmaster of St Michael's from September 1994 following the retirement of Mr James Batten, formerly Headmaster of King's College, Taunton. Mr Yetzes was previously a Housemaster at Edgarley Hall, Second Master at St James, Grimsby and Headmaster of Copthill School, Lincolnshire.

Royal Society of St George

Sir Colin Cole has been elected as President for the ensuing year. Other officers are: Chairman, Lieutenant-Colonel R. Bury; Vice Chairman, Mr N.L. Blood; Honorary Treasurer, Mr K.A. Heywood; General Secretary, Mrs M. Minshull-Fogg.

Latest wills

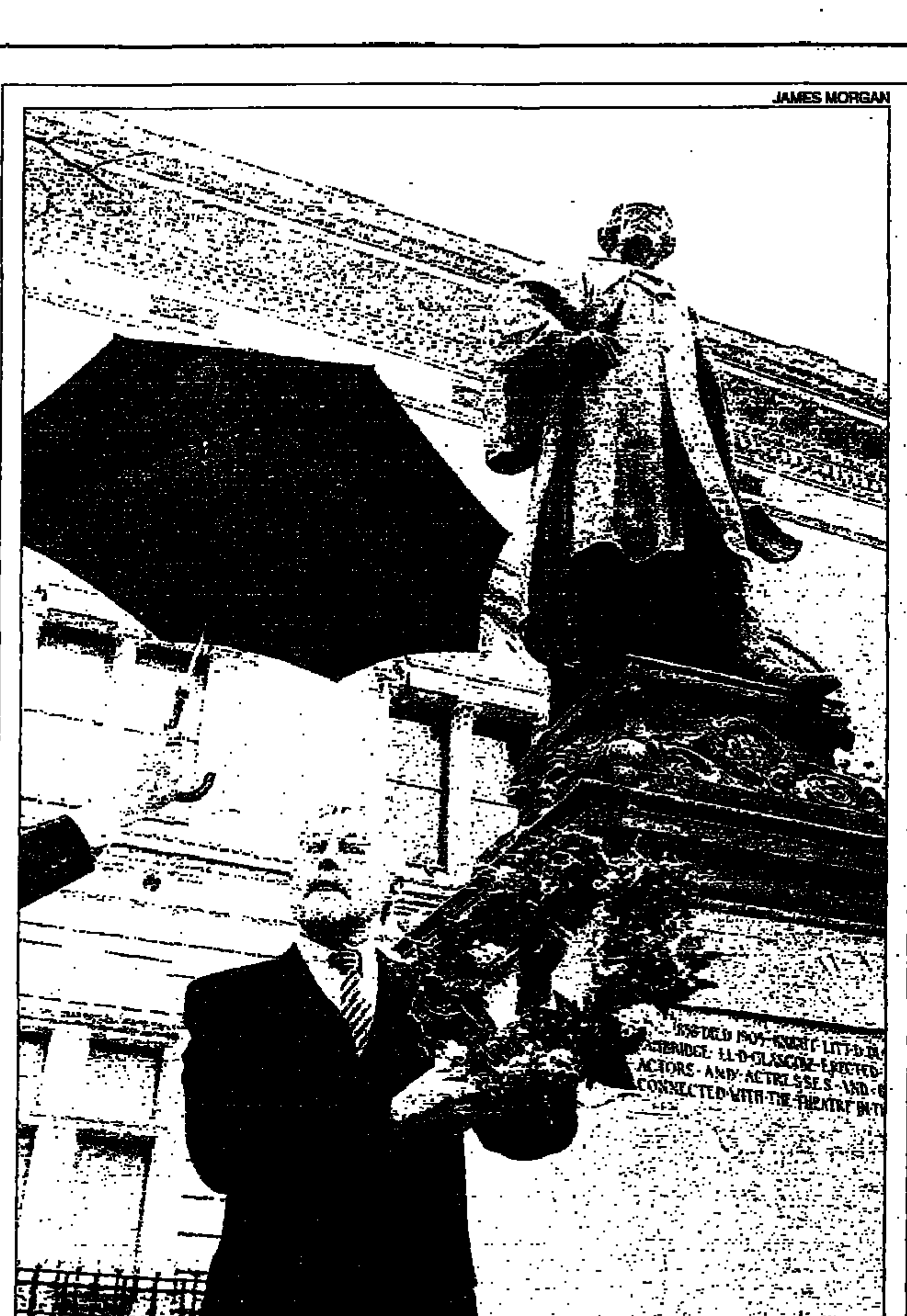
Mr Harold James **Boyden**, of Oxford, Labour MP for Bishop Auckland 1959-79, left estate valued at £388,696 net.

He left £10,000 to King's College London, towards a travelling scholarship to study the workings of the Council of Europe, to be awarded to the best history student applying and in memory of his late wife Pem Boyden who in 1931 was awarded the Inglis Studentship.

Miss Constance Mary **Thornton**, of Woodhouse, Uplyme, Devon, formerly of Whitchurch Canonicorum, Dorset, left estate valued at £1,053,896 net.

She left £2,000 to the Church of St Candidas, Whitchurch Canonicorum, for the fabric fund, a number of bequests to personal legatees, and half the residue to her Trustees for such charitable institutions or objects in England in such proportions as they decide, requesting they consider making bequests to the Save the Children Fund, Oxfam, Children's Society, Cats Protection League, RSPCA, "RSPCB", "St Mary's, Funtington", and a further gift to St Candidas, Whitchurch Canonicorum.

JAMES MORGAN



Sir Derek Jacobi laying a wreath at the Henry Irving memorial in London yesterday to mark the centenary of the Theatrical Management Association. Henry Irving, founder of the association, became the first actor to receive a knighthood in 1895. Sir Derek, knighted in the New Year honours, is the most recent

Church appointments

The Rev David Cleeves, Vicar, Ewell St Francis (Guildford): to be Priest-in-charge, Rotherfield (Chichester).

The Rev Paul Collins, Director of Studies at Chichester Theological College: to be Vicar, Brighton the Good Shepherd (Chichester).

The Rev Canon Michael Cooper, Honorary Chaplain to the Bishop in Canterbury: to be Assistant Chaplain to Kent and Canterbury Hospital and Nunnery Fields Hospital (Canterbury).

The Rev Andrew Cunnington, Team Vicar, Haywards Heath St Wilfrid: to be Vicar, Midhurst, and Rector, Woolbeding (Chichester).

The Rev Richard Davies, Vicar, Thornhill: to be Vicar, Eastleigh (Winchester).

The Rev Raymond Cuthbertson, Vicar, united benefice of Eldon w Shildon: to be *also* Rural Dean of Auckland (Durham).

The Rev Brian Dodsworth, Assistant Chaplain General to Prisons: to be Chaplain at Brixton Prison (Southwark).

The Rev Kenneth Dunstan, Assistant Curate (NSM), Althorne, Creeksea, Latchingdon and North Fambridge: to be Priest-in-charge (NSM) Woodham Mortimer w Hazeleigh and Woodham Walter (Chelmsford).

The Rev John Gawne-Caine, Priest-in-charge, Uffington: now Vicar, Uffington (Oxford).

The Rev Phillip Hamilton-Manon, Curate, Norton St Mary: to be Priest-in-charge, St Mark and St Cuthbert, Cleadon Park (Durham).

The Rev Canon Alan Hawker, Team Rector, Southgate St Mary: now *also* Rural Dean of East Grinstead (Chichester).

The Rev Andrew Horton, Vicar, St Michael, Battersea: to be *also* Local Ministry Development Adviser for the Kingston Episcopal Area (Southwark).

The Rev Robert Jones, Vicar Hutton Cranswick, Skerne, Watton and Beswick, and Rural Dean of Harthill: to be Vicar, Wetwang and Garton on the Wolds w Kirkburn (York).

The Rev John Railton, Vicar, St Matthew, Bridgemary, Gosport: to be also Warden of Readers (Portsmouth).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.A. Cooper and Miss J.L.D. Childs

The engagement is announced between Colin, son of Mr P.J. Cooper, of Hertford, and Mrs A. Cooper, of King's Lynn, Norfolk, and Julia, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Childs, of Greenwich, London.

Mr G.C. Docwra Jones and Ms E.A. Perry

The marriage of Mr George Docwra Jones to Ms Elfriedel Perry will take place at 8 St George's Court, Gloucester Road, London, SW7, at noon on January 28.

Mr M.L.E. Dowlen and Miss J.M. Rutherford

The engagement is announced between Mitchell, son of Mr and Mrs David Dowlen, of Darbyns Brook, Shamley Green, Surrey, and Jennifer, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Rutherford, of Thistledown, Upper Eashing, Godalming, Surrey.

Mr S.C. Kimber and Miss B.S. Bullivant

The engagement is announced between Stephen, second son of Mr and Mrs Michael Kimber, of Henley-on-Thames, and Bridget, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Bullivant, of Dodleston, Chester.

Mr I.D. MacKenzie and Miss C.S. Nunneley

The engagement is announced between Iain, son of the late Mr Murdo MacKenzie and of Mrs Audrey MacKenzie, of Earley, Reading, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Nunneley, of Pewsey, Wiltshire.

Marriage

Mr J.M.S. Gardner and Miss J.S. Pritchard

The marriage took place in London, on January 15, between Justin Michael Stewart, elder son of Mr and Mrs K.S. Gardner, of Backwell, Bristol, and Julie Stevens, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J. Pritchard, of Louisville, Kentucky. Mr Peter Harrison was best man and the bride was attended by Mrs Randall Paul.

A reception was held at Ransome's Dock Restaurant and the honeymoon was spent in Ireland.

Lecture

United World College of the Atlantic

The second Atlantic College lecture on international affairs "The Commonwealth: Facing the Challenge of One World" was delivered by Chief Emeka Anyaoku, Secretary General of the Commonwealth, at Goldsmiths' Hall yesterday. The lecture was sponsored by The RTZ Corporation plc.

RMA Sandhurst

The 40th Anniversary of Intake 13 (August 6, 1954) will be marked by a Reunion to be held on Monday, June 13, at the Royal Hospital Chelsea. Further details may be obtained from Lieutenant Colonel B.W. Ayres at the Royal Hospital Chelsea, London, SW3 4SR, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

Archaeology

Science leaves mark at Raleigh's 'lost colony'

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

THE site of the first scientific laboratory to be set up in colonial America has been discovered in North Carolina. Crucible and furnace fragments, chemicals and brass weights attest to the enterprise of Elizabethan explorers.

The discovery was made on Roanoake Island, the site of the "lost colony" founded by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1585. Established to prevent Spanish expansion north from Florida, Roanoake was the birthplace of Virginia Dare, the first English child born in the New World.

Raleigh's hundred-odd colonists were mainly soldiers, but to assess the region's commercial potential he also sent two scientists, Thomas Hariot, a mathematician and astronomer, and the metallurgist Joachim Gans. "What Hariot and Gans learned justified England's investment in the New World," said Dr Ivor Noel Hume, the veteran historical archaeologist who claims the remains of the laboratory as "the most exciting in a lifetime of discoveries".

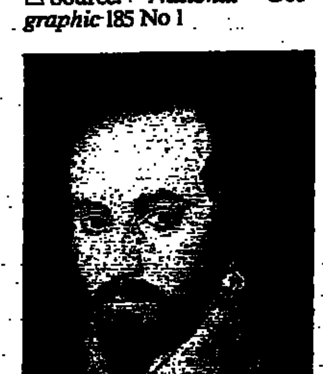
Roanoake was abandoned after a year, and its site only rediscovered this century. A resettlement in 1587 was wiped out within three years by Indians.

Dr Noel Hume's excavations at Fort Raleigh followed up the recovery of bricks which had been ground down on one side and burnt on one end: he identified them as part of the mouth of a furnace.

Artifacts previously found near by included clay crucibles and chunks of copper, as well as a brass apothecary's weight, one of a set. The new excavations recovered flasks and other laboratory glassware as well as more crucibles and a burned bowl possibly used in distilling. A lump of antimony would have been a reagent used in processing silver and other ores.

Seeds and nuts may have been part of Hariot's pharmaceutical studies, Dr Noel Hume thinks. Hariot's account provided Europe with the first detailed look at North America's southeast coastline, and inspired the doomed colonists of 1587 to return to Roanoake.

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Raleigh: sent scientists to study wealth of region

Royal yacht enlisted for historic recovery mission

THE Royal Yacht *Britannia* has found a new way of helping British enterprise abroad: she returned from her last voyage carrying the remains of some 200 prehistoric Maltese, excavated by Bristol University archaeologists on the island of Gozo (Norman Hammond writes). The bones accompanied the Queen to Cyprus and the Prince of Wales to the Middle East before reaching England just before New Year.

Britannia's novel role as an archaeological transport came about as the result of a chance meeting between Dr Simon Stoddart and officers from the royal yacht, which was laying-over in Valletta en route to the Commonwealth Heads of Government conference on Cyprus. Dr Stoddart said: "We had a lot of bones we needed to work on in the laboratory in Bristol, and *Britannia* had some spare cargo space."

The remains date back 6,000 years, and were excavated from a series of collapsed caves that had been used as prehistoric shrines and mausolea on Gozo, Malta's second-largest island. The most recent investigations have also recovered stone carvings of corpulent human figures, which are among the earliest group sculptures known.

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Someone may be clever enough to teach many and yet be of no use to himself. Ecclesiasticus 37 : 19 (REB)

BIRTHS

ALMOND (HARDING) - On January 19th, to Cherry and Michael, a beautiful daughter, Genevieve Mary, a sister to Vyvyan.

EDGAR - Congratulations to Alesa and Brad, on the birth of their son Colin Lee, and brother to Grace, on 7th January 1994, in Dallas, Texas. Love Ros and John.

GLATMAN - On January 21st at the Wellington Hospital, to Lisa (née Denning) and Simeon, a beautiful son, James, 1st grandchild for the Dennings and Glatmans.

KING - On January 7th at 2 50 pm, to Janet and Philip, a son, Andrew Jonathan, a brother for James

MERRIFIELD - On January 19th 1994, to Emma (née Tigar) and Robert, a daughter, Katerina Anastasia Tigar, a sister for Alexandra.

O'NEIL - On 10th January, to David and Susan (née Morris-Eyton), a daughter, Emma Sophie.

RITTERBAND - On January 20th at the Wellington Hospital, to Sibylle and Charles, a son, Orfeo Luciano, a brother for Salome.

ROWSE - On 24th January, to Penelope (née Gray) and Peregrine, a daughter, Lydia Constance, a sister for Tessa.

SAVAGE - On December 27th 1993, to Diana (née Chesman) and Luke, a daughter, rather earlier than expected, Annabel Charlotte Olivia.

SAVAGE - On 22nd December 1993, to Tim and Maura (née Bergin), a beautiful daughter, Robyn Lilly Gabrielle.

SPRIGGS - On 20th January 1994, to Louise (née Hawkins) and Michael, a daughter Cecilia Ann

ST AUBYN - On 19th January 1994, to Astrid (née Lumley) and Michael, a daughter, Matilda Elizabeth

STEWART - On 18th January, to Miranda and Alan, a daughter, Augusta Lilias, a sister to Alexandra.

SULLIVAN - On January 17th at The Portland Hospital, to Andrea (née Josephson) and Peter, a beautiful boy, Jack Ian.

VERDONK - On January 21st at The Portland Hospital, to Dorine and Edwin, a son, Joost Adriaan Hendrikus.

DEATHS

ASHWIN - Frances Lucy Irene, eldest child of the late Revd and Mrs R F. Ashwin. Peacefully at Bexhill on 21st January aged 90. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Sidley, Bexhill, on Tuesday 1st February at 11 am followed by interment at Bexhill Cemetery. Family flowers only please to Mummery F/D, Bexhill. Donations if wished to Restoration Fund, All Saints, Sidley, Bexhill

AUBREY-SMITH - See Smith.

BAKER - On 20th January 1994, Tony Douglas Baker. Will be missed always. A service will be held at West London Crematorium, Harrow Road, London W10, on Thursday 27th January at 3.45 pm. A final farewell.

BEAZLEY - On 22nd January, Dom Peter Beazley, Monk and Priest of Worth Abbey. Funeral, Saturday 29th January at Worth Abbey, 12 noon.

BELL - On January 23rd, peacefully in Hexham General Hospital, Felicity, (nee Crombie), widow of the late Richard Bell, very much loved mother of Antonia and Sally, and grandmother of Jonathan and Georgina. Funeral Service at St Cuthberts Church, Haydon Bridge, on Thursday January 27th at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired for Ward 8, c/o Mr J. Ellam, Hexham General Hospital, Northumberland.

BLACKETT - On January 22nd, George William, 10th Baronet, aged 87. Much loved husband of Daphne. Funeral at Matfen Church on Thursday 27th January at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cheshire Homes Red Feather Appeal

BLAND - Beresford Maurice (Emeritus Prof) suddenly on January 20th 1994. Beloved husband of Joan, father of Peter and Susan, grandfather of Toby and Naomi. Private cremation on January 28th at Salisbury Crematorium 12 noon, followed by church service at St Mary-the-Less Chilbolton at 2 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Countess of Brecknock Hospice Andover c/o Dunning Funeral Service, 2 Church Close, Andover, Hants. SP10 1DP.

CALDER - Peacefully at the Castle Gardens Nursing Home, Invergordon, on Monday 24th January 1994, Georgina Anne Rhind, wife of the late Dr William Calder, formerly Principal Medical Officer Brixton Prison, London, much loved sister, sister-in-law, aunt and great-aunt. Funeral Service on Thursday 27th January 1994 from Invergordon Parish Church at 1 pm, thereafter to Criech Cemetery, Bonar Bridge, arriving at 2.30 pm approximately. All friends respectfully invited. Family flowers only but donations if desired can be made at the church door for Multiple Sclerosis or can be forwarded directly to Alasdair Rhind Funeral Director, 'Ardenlee', 18 Knockbreck Avenue, Tain.

CARY-ELWES - On January 22nd 1994, Rev Dom Columba Cary-Elwes, aged 90, of Ampleforth Abbey. Funeral Ampleforth Abbey 12 noon Monday January 31st.

CLARKE - On January 20th 1994, suddenly at home, Henry Ashley, in his 91st year, adored husband of Frances, beloved brother and uncle. Funeral Service in the Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace, at 3 pm on Monday 31st January, followed by private cremation and eventual interment in Venice. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation c/o F.W. Paine, 71 Walton Road, East Molesey, Surrey KT8 ODP. No Memorial Service, at his own wish.

COXE - On Saturday January 22nd at St Cecilia's Nursing Home, Budleigh Salterton, Devon, peacefully after a short illness, Muriel Joan, latterly Sage née Penny, widow of the late Captain K.H. Coxe MC and the late Courtenay Sage. Requiem Mass at St Peter's Roman Catholic Church on Wednesday 26th January at 10.30 am. Enquiries to Palmers Funeral Services, Budleigh Salterton.

CRACKNELL - On 20th January, peacefully in hospital, Edith Margaret (née Hyde), aged 88, wife of F.G. Cracknell and mother of John, James and Eleanor. All enquiries please to Edward White & Son, 5 South Pallant, Chichester. (0243) 782136.

DALAMAL - Thaku Hassamal RAMNANI. Died Thursday 20th January 1994, peacefully in London. Born 8th October 1934 Hyderabad, Sind, India. Retired Company Director. Husband of Geeta; father of Gul and Lal. Cremation: Wednesday January 25th 4pm. 62 Hoop Lane, Golders Green NW11. Condolence meeting: Saturday January 29th 4 pm. The London Central Gurdwara, 62 Queensdale Road, W11.

DAVIES - Dr. Nancy Gwendoline (née Howell) peacefully on 24th January aged 93. Service at Narberth Crematorium, Dyfed, 3 pm Monday 31st January. No flowers but donations if wished to Cancer Research Campaign, Aberaeron Branch c/o C. Price Son and Daughters Funeral Directors 1 & 2 College Street, Lampeter, Dyfed SA48 7DY. tel: (0570) 422673.

DAYES - On January 22nd 1994, Harold William Whitehorne (Harry), most loving and beloved husband of Charity (Cherry) and father of Simon. Funeral St Matthew's Church, Chelston, Torquay, at 2 pm on Monday January 31st. Family flowers only. Donations (if desired) to Relate c/o Torbay & District Funeral Service, 11 Babbacombe Road, Torquay

DENMAN - Colonel Percy Darrell, died peacefully in Pembury Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, on 21st January 1994. A much loved father and grandfather who will be sadly missed. The funeral will take place at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium at 2.30 pm on 4th February 1994. Family flowers only but donations to The Samaritans c/o Ord-Hume, 33A Quarry Hill Road, Tonbridge, Kent, tel: (0732) 353746.

DOBBIN - On January 23rd, John Nicholas M.C., peacefully after prolonged illness at Langley Nursing Home. Beloved husband and best friend of Joy, caring father to David and Jeremy, loving 'Grandpa' to Lucinda, James, Daniel and Rebecca, elder brother to Babs. Requiem Mass at St Peter's Catholic Church, Marlow, on Saturday 5th February at 12 noon. Private committal at Amersham Crematorium for family only. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, payable to Alzheimer's Disease Society or Parkinson's Disease Society should be sent to: Sawyer Funeral Service, 32 West Street, Marlow, Bucks SL7 2NB.

DRYSDALE - Suddenly at home on 23rd January 1994, Rosalind Marion Gallie, beloved wife of Ian Drysdale, mother of Bill, Tom, Robin and Donald and a devoted and much loved grandmother. Funeral Service in Buchlyvie Church at 10.30 am on Friday 28th January and thereafter Clydebank Crematorium, North Dalnottar, arriving 12 noon. Family flowers only please.

DUNN - On 20th January, Ronald John of Singleton, Chichester. Darling husband of Bridgid and father of Jeremy. Beloved brother, grandfather and uncle who will be sadly missed by all his relatives and friends. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Singleton, on Friday 28th January at 11.15 am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only preferred. If desired donations to the Artists General Benevolent Institution. All enquiries and donations to Edward White & Son, 5 South Pallant, Chichester PO19 1SY, tel: (0243) 782136.

FIELD - May, on 18th January 1994 (aged 96). Loving friend and faithful Christian. Body received into Church of St Alban, Brooke Street, Holborn, EC1, on Monday 31st January: Mass at 6.30pm. Funeral Mass 11am on Tuesday 1st February at St Paul's Church, Park Lane, Tottenham, N17. Donations to Royal National Institute for the Deaf, 105 Gower Street, London WC1E 6AH.

FORMBY - On 20th January peacefully at home in Storrington, Myles Landseer Formby C.B.E., F.R.C.S., aged 92, formerly of London and South Australia. Much loved father of Patty and Roger and grandfather of James, Tessa, Duncan Kate and Emily. Funeral Service at Worthing Crematorium on Monday 31st January at 2.40pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to the Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8JR.

GEMMELL - On 21st January 1994, John Alexander (Aleck) M.A. (Cantab.) aged 95. Dearly beloved husband of Constance and elder son of the late Mr and Mrs John Gemmell of Northwood and Calcutta. At one time a Director of Balmer Lawrie and Co Ltd., Calcutta and for 35 years a Director of Alex Lawrie and Co. Ltd. London. Funeral Service at St John's United Reformed Church, Hallowell Road, Northwood, on Tuesday February 1st at 1 pm, followed by interment at St Pancras Cemetery. No flowers please.

GILLIS - Richard M.B.E., F.C.I.P.S., on 21st January 1994. Funeral at St Jude's Church, Wolverhampton, on Friday January 28th at 2.30pm followed by cremation at Bushbury Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations for Wolverhampton Church Association for the Deaf, c/o F. Jennings & Sons, Horseley Field, Wolverhampton WV1 3DN.

GUMMER - On January 22nd, Herbert John (Jack) of East Horsley. Dearly loved husband of Monica and a much loved father and grandfather. Cremation details from James & Thomas Funeral Directors (0483) 284948. Donations if desired to the Children's Society c/o James & Thomas Funeral Directors, 45 East Lane, West Horsley, Surrey KT24 6HQ.

HAWKSLEY - On his 75th Birthday 21st January peacefully at home in Nancledra Cornwall - Peter Gerald Winchcombe retired research scientist, founder member BCURA. Husband of Jeanette. Father of Tansy & Piers. Formerly husband of Elinor (Bobbie). Father of Judy, Elinor, Nick & Jon and grandfather of 12. Greatly missed. Funeral January 27th at 2:15pm Towednack Church, no flowers. If desired donations to Open Door, 1 Bedford Road St Ives Cornwall.

HORROCKS - On Saturday 22nd January peacefully at Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice, Farnham, Peter, dearly loved husband of Nikl and father of Sam and Tessa. Funeral Service to be held at St Mary's Church, Frensham, at 12 noon on Thursday 27th January 1994. Family flowers only. Donations to Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice, Farnham, Surrey.

HUMPHRAYS - On January 22nd peacefully after a brave fight, Henry, beloved of Rosemary and beloved by daughters Louise and Julia. Funeral Service at St Peter and St Paul Church, Swaffham, Norfolk, on Friday January 28th at 12 noon followed by committal at Mintlyn Crematorium, Kings Lynn. Family flowers only please but donations to Swaffham Hospital Amenities Fund, Sporle Road, Swaffham, Norfolk PE37 7HL.

JABOOR - Peacefully, at her home in Edinburgh, on 21st January 1994, aged 91, after a long and rewarding life of service to others, Margaret Isabella O.B.E., dear sister, aunt and great-aunt of the family. Cremation at Mortonhall Crematorium Pentland Chapel on Thursday, 27th January at 11.45 am to which all friends are invited.

KNAPTON - Rosalind (Pansy) died on 23rd January, peacefully at home, daughter of the late Commander and Mrs Geoffrey Rawson R.A.N. Wife of Group Captain Peter Knapton. Sadly missed by her sons Christopher and Alister, daughter-in-law Marjorie and grandson Jack. Qu'hier - Que demain.

LAIRD - Thomas B. Comm. F.R. ECON. S. on January 22nd 1994 peacefully at his home aged 90 years, of Aughton, former Director and General Manager of Cunard Steamship Company Ltd. Loving husband of the late Lilian Constance and much loved father of Audrey. Funeral Service at Christ Church, Aughton, on Thursday January 27th at 2.45 pm followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations if desired for R.N.I.B. Donations and further enquiries please to Seddons Funeral Service, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, tel: (0695) 422212.

LEVY - Joshua, on Sunday 23rd January, suddenly and peacefully at home. Deeply mourned by wife Lena, sons Brian and Clive, grandchildren, family and friends.

LONGLEY - Sir Norman CBE DL Hon FCIOB Hon DSc on 24th January, peacefully aged 93, loving husband of Dorothy and father of Peter, Michael and Judith. He also leaves seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Private cremation. A funeral service will be held in Crawley at a date to be announced.

MacIVER - On 22nd January 1994, Anne Joyce Bourdillon (née Wauchope), peacefully aged 98. Beloved mother of Anne Dreydel. Cremation family only. Memorial Service to be arranged later. Donations if desired for St Luke's Hospital and enquiries c/o Reeves & Paim, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford OX1 4TE or tel: (0865) 242529.

MACKIE - On January 22nd 1994, peacefully in hospital, beloved Charlotte Rose, daughter of the late John Mackie and of Margaret Williams-Ellis. Funeral Service at Hillsborough Parish Church at 12 noon tomorrow Wednesday 26th January followed by private burial. Family flowers only, if desired donations in lieu to Rathmore Ward Gift Fund, Muckamore Abbey Hospital, Antrim, Northern Ireland.

MAXTED - Peacefully on January 21st 1994, Cedric Bradford Maxted, aged 80. Devoted husband to his late wife Joyce and loving father to Peter, Rosie and John. Grandfather to Ellen, Keith, Anthea and William. Funeral at All Saints Church, Whitstable, 12.30 pm Thursday 27th January. Enquiries to J. Kemp (0227) 272255.

MAYO - On 22nd January 1994 suddenly at Hemel Hempstead General Hospital, Philip Arthur aged 59. Dearly loved husband of Jill, loving father of Timothy, Julian and Rupert, proud grandfather of Bertie, Thomas and Kitty. The funeral service is at St Lawrence Church, Bovingdon, Herts, at 3.30 pm on Wednesday 26th January followed by a private cremation. A Memorial Service will take place later. Enquiries to J. Worley (Funeral Directors) Ltd. (0442) 263465.

McCONNEL - On 24th January, suddenly but peacefully, Monica Beatrice (Dubba), beloved wife of the late Cecil McConnel. All enquiries to (0766) 770218.

MOORMAN - Peacefully at home on 21st January, Mary Caroline, Hon.D.Litt., in her 89th year; beloved wife of Dr. John Moorman, former Bishop of Ripon, daughter of Professor and Mrs G.M. Trevelyan. Funeral Service at St Oswald's Church, Elvet, Durham City, at 2 pm Saturday 29th January. No flowers: Donations, if desired, to The Bursar, Trevelyan College, Durham University, in support of Mary Moorman Fellowship.

NEWMAN - Elizabeth Hilary Kingsley, peacefully at Malmesbury Hospital on January 20th 1994 aged 88 years. An inspiration to Mary. Funeral Service at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath, at 2.40 pm on Monday January 31st. Enquiries to H and C Matthews Funeral Directors, 7 Burnham Road, Malmesbury, tel: (0666) 822216.

PERROTT - Morton Richard (Dick), aged 76, on 22nd January, peacefully at home. Our much loved husband, father, grandfather and friend. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving 2.30pm, Friday 28th January at St Nicolas Church, Bookham. Family flowers only, please.

PETERSEN - Joan Margaret B.A. Oxon, Ph.D. Lond. of Streatham, died peacefully at St Thomas' Hospital on 21st January after a short illness. Funeral Service to take place at St Peter's Church, Leigham Court Road, SW16, on Friday 28th January 1994 at 3 pm. Enquiries to Allan - Wigley Funeral Director (071) 978-8184. No flowers or mourning. Donations if desired to St Peter's Church.

PRYCE - Dr. Gwenllian Joy, Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, Consultant in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Consultant in Mental Handicap, Chairman of Trustees for North Wales Christian Family Project, Colwyn Bay. January 20th 1994 peacefully in Colwyn Bay Hospital and of 29 Berthes Road, Old Colwyn, aged 61 years. Beloved daughter of the late Tom and Edith Pryce, dearly loved friend of Barbara Gravestock. Funeral Thursday January 27th, Service at Bethel Chapel, Old Colwyn at 2 pm followed by committal at Colwyn Bay Crematorium at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations gratefully received towards the Joy Pryce Foundation Fund, North Wales Christian Family Project per Dilwyn Davies Funeral Director, 14 Cefn Road, Old Colwyn, tel: Colwyn Bay 515306.

ROBINSON - On January 22nd, Richard Hugh of Congresbury, Bristol, in his 88th year and after a short illness. Much loved father, stepfather and grandfather. Private cremation. Memorial Service on Thursday 3rd February at Wrington Parish Church at 12 noon.

ROTHERY - George White, at home on 20th January, aged 74. Much loved husband of the late Brenda and father of William and Georgina. No flowers please. Cremation on Friday 28th January at 9 am at Aldershot Park Crematorium.

RUSSELL - Francis Clive MBE, DFC, M in Dispatches (Major Rtd) peacefully at home after a long and gallant fight on 22nd January 1994. Beloved husband of Jill. Funeral private.

SATCHWELL - On January 21st, Major Trevor, stalwart and patient as always, at Charing Cross Hospital. He will be greatly missed by Meg his wife, brother Rod, family and his many friends in the UK and Qatar. Funeral Service at Pershore Abbey, Worcs., on Monday January 31st at 2 pm. No flowers, donations if desired are for Cancer Research, c/o E. Hill, Funeral Directors, Pershore, Worcs. WR10 1HZ.

SAWLE-THOMAS - On 20th January, the eve of his 87th birthday, Dr. John Clifford Sawle-Thomas F.R.C.P. husband of the late Dr. Eva Walter Thomas, father of Carole and Mark and companion of Phyl Brooks. Funeral on Thursday 27th January, enquiries to Jno Steel and Son, Chesil House, Winchester (0962) 844044.

SMITH - On January 21st 1994, Georgiana Beatrice Maria Josepha aged 88, only daughter of the late Admiral Sir Aubrey and the Honourable Lady Smith. Funeral Service All Saints Church, Iden, near Rye, East Sussex, 3 pm Monday January 31st.

SQUIRES - On January 18th at Thistle Hill Nursing Home, Knaresborough, Gordon aged 82 years (formerly of York). The dearly loved husband of the late Edith and much loved father of Roger. Funeral Service to be held at St Paul's Church, Heslington, York, on Friday January 28th at 12.15 pm followed by cremation at York. No flowers by request, but donations may be sent to the Alzheimers Disease Society. All enquiries J. Rymer Funeral Director, telephone: (0904) 624320.

STEEL - On January 18th 1994, Kathleen Mary (Kay) following a car accident, mourned by her many friends and past pupils of Woodford House, N.Z., The Royal School Bath and The North London Collegiate. Funeral to take place on January 31st at 1 pm in Bath Abbey. Memorial Service to be announced. Donations welcomed in aid of Children's Hospice, South West, c/o W.T. Chesterman and Sons, Solicitors, Lansdown Road, Bath, BA1 5DT, tel: (0225) 313485.

STRAKER - On 21st January in Northumberland after a short illness bravely borne, Major Henry Nicholas Straker M.C. (Nick) aged 75. Much loved husband of Anne, father of Caroline and Henry, grandfather of Fenella, Richard, Vicky, Rupert and Peter. Private cremation, followed by service at St James's, Riding Mill, at 2 pm on Friday 28th January. Service of Remembrance at St Peter's, Milton, Lilbourne, on Tuesday 1st February at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations to Calvert Trust, Kielder Water, Hexham NE48 1BS, would be much appreciated.

THRELFALL - On 20th January 1994, Gerald Threlfall. Dearest husband of Jill and devoted father to Richard and David. Funeral Service at 2 pm on Wednesday 2nd February at Holy Trinity Church, Clapham Common. Please no flowers but donations instead to Trinity Hospice, 30 North Side, Clapham, SW4 0RN, for whose care we are so grateful.

TREE - On 24th January, Michael John of Westminster Gardens, died peacefully in the Chelsea Westminster Hospital. Husband of Margaret and father of Matthew. Funeral Service at St Mary's, Bourne Street, at 11.30 am on Saturday 29th January. Enquiries to Kenyon, (071) 834-4624.

WESTGARTH-WALKER - On Friday January 21st 1994, suddenly but peacefully at home in Malmesbury, Christina Mary (née Flinn). Dearly loved wife of Selwyn and mother of Ann. Funeral Service at Kingsdown Crematorium, Swindon, on Monday January 31st at 10:30 am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Malmesbury Hospital League of Friends. Enquiries to H and C Matthews Funeral Directors, 7 Burnham Road, Malmesbury, tel: (0666) 822216.

WHITTLEY - Josephine suddenly at home on 20th January. Darling wife of John; adored mother of Jonathan; unforgettable to her many friends. Funeral Service at St Michael's Church, South Grove, Highgate N6, at 2.30 pm on Monday 31st January followed by private cremation. Flowers may be sent to Leverton & Sons, 1 Denmark Terrace, London N2 9HG.

WRIGHT - On 21st January 1994, suddenly, George William James Hamilton, aged 82. Beloved husband of Noreen and father of Susan, Jennifer and Richard. Funeral at St Nicholas Church, Sandhurst, Kent, at 3 pm on Friday 28th January 1994.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

GORE - Tessa. Funeral and Thanksgiving Service at All Saints, Binfield, 12 noon on Tuesday 1st February. Enquiries Cyril Lovegrove (Funeral Directors) 0344 421949.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

MATTHEWS - 'TJ' (née Tracey Davall), died 25th January 1992. Loved and missed by all who knew her, especially her husband Peter and daughters Clio and Ella. 'May you never lay your head down without a hand to hold'.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

POUND - Alan, Margaret and Louis thank all friends for the beautiful flowers and their love.

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTING

ALL silver and silver plated items wanted £££. Please phone 071 604 3900.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MY most grateful thanks to St Jude, FHJ and BVM.

SUMMER JOBS Directories. Abroad or Britain list 50,000+ vacancies. From WH Smith etc at £7.95 each or from Vac Work, 9 Park End St, Oxford.

TONY BAKER on 21-1-94 in London comfortably after a long illness, left us for a better place. All the sea's we swam, the sun we enjoyed, we had our times of pleasure & pain. We only wish we could do it all again from your untimely death back to your birth, you truly were heaven on earth. You've now passed on, but certainly not forgotten, even the times you were absolutely rotten. The eldest brother of 4, you were the one we all looked for, your direction, your humour, your style & grace, will truly be missed from this hectic worldly place. Go with peace & calm, as you do always remember, we all love you. Daryl, Glenn & Kyle.

BIRTHDAYS

LINDA Thanks for the first 20 years. Here's to the next 20. Happy Birthday. Love always John.

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OBITUARIES

JEAN-LOUIS BARRAULT

Jean-Louis Barrault, French actor-manager and joint founder with his wife, Madeleine Renaud, of the Renaud-Barrault company, died in Paris on January 22 aged 83. He was born on September 8, 1910.



Jean-Louis Barrault with Madeleine Renaud in 1987

AFFECTIONATE, high-spirited, and impulsive, Jean-Louis Barrault brought to the theatre all the civilised enthusiasm of a singularly exploring and unselfish character. Always searching after (and finding) new things — new plays, new authors, new illuminations — he was the first producer to discover, with *Ah, les beaux jours*, that Samuel Beckett could be directed not only with humour but also with actual gaiety and rejoicing. He would produce plays, like Genet's *Les Paravents* (criticising French conduct in Algeria), that no one else dared touch. In the course of his career he was driven out of at least ten theatres but his courage was indomitable.

"Je suis homme libre," he declared to his friends. "I am absolutely convinced that I have in my possession the true map of life, and I know exactly the road I am travelling." It led both him and his wife, the actress Madeleine Renaud, on the one hand to strict vegetarianism and, on the other, after the first visit which their company paid to Britain at the Edinburgh Festival of 1948, to becoming throughout the world the best-known French stage players of the last half-century.

Barrault, despite his effervescence, his excited talking, and his exuberant gestures ("I am a complete madman," he was fond of saying) was a man not only of genius but of outstanding good sense. He knew both his strengths and his weaknesses; and where his weakness looked like strength he was not deceived. During his early training he seemed to have the makings of a first-class mime, and he brought a mime, *Baptiste*, to Edinburgh, where he also played Hamlet. But he recognised, despite the worldwide fame that his performance as Debureau in the 1944 film *Les Enfants du Paradis* won for him, that he would never become a mime as good as Marcel Marceau, nor an actor as great as Olivier, nor a film star as celebrated as Clark Gable.

So, although he continued to play in films, he did so only to finance his stage productions. He later abandoned mime and as a player contented himself with being a character actor of distinction, leaving the *beau rôle* of star to Madeleine Renaud. Never did a husband make a wiser choice. She was ten years older than Barrault, and at 90 was as consummate an actress as when she was 25.

As a producer, which was his true métier, Barrault had been stimulated by surrealist ideas and forms which, he believed, could be embodied in a theatre whose scope as a means of lyrical expression and celebration would thereby be renewed and enlarged. For this he was early denounced by the critic Robert Brasillach (after the war Brasillach was shot for treason).

All through his life Barrault was a central figure of controversy in France. Regarded by some as a dangerous demagogue, and by others as a bourgeois reactionary, he was alternatively loved and hated and when he was nearly sixty, in what was probably the worst blow of his life, he was betrayed by those whose cause he had consistently championed.

Jean-Louis Barrault was a chemist's son, born in the Paris suburb of Le Vesinet, of Burgundian and Parisian stock. He lost his father in the First World War. At 19 he managed to continue his studies by working in les Halles from 3am till midday. At 20 he studied the history of art at the Ecole du Louvre. He was taken up by Charles Dullin, and made his first professional appearance, on his 21st birthday, on the Atelier stage in the role of one of Volpone's servants. After four years of work and study with Dullin, a small legacy from his father enabled him to hire the Atelier for several performances. He drew from William Faulkner's *As I Lay Dying* the argument for a two-hour mime drama, *Autour d'une Mère*.

In a way this was to prove a false start but it brought him into closer contact with Antonin Artaud, and surrealist circles. It also brought him film engagements. These turned out to be of vast importance, not merely because they led to his appearing in *Les Enfants du Paradis* — still considered one of the world's great films — but also because in the earlier film, *Hélène* (1936), he met Madeleine Renaud. It was the *coup de foudre*. She was then living with the actor, Pierre Bertin, and had a grown-up son by her first husband, Charles Granval. Nevertheless they married. The marriage was the making of Barrault's career.

Madeleine Renaud, small and charming and witty, was one of the brightest stars of the *sociétaires* of the Comédie Française and, once he had been demobilised after the fall of France in 1940, she obtained for Barrault an invitation to join the company. In 1942 he himself was appointed a *sociétaire*, and persuaded his colleagues to present Paul Claudel's *Le Soulier de satin*. He was the first director to master the art of speaking Claudel's long and difficult lines, and the production established Barrault's reputation as a director.

After a dispute with the administration, several *sociétaires*, including Renaud and Barrault, left the Comédie. The rest were soon back but the husband-and-wife team decided to gamble their joint resources (garnered from films) on founding the Renaud-Barrault company.

They opened at the Marigny Theatre in October 1946 with Barrault as the Prince of Denmark. This was the beginning of their great work together. Barrault showed himself a master of diplomacy as well as of creative genius. It is no easy matter to keep a company working in harmony which contains one's wife, one's wife's recent lover (Pierre Bertin) and her son by another husband, as well as two such first-class players as Jean Desailly and Simone Valère. Yet Barrault did it.

The truth is that both Barrault and Renaud were devoid of jealousy of any kind. They wanted not personal glory but the success of their work. It is significant that on their first visit to London in 1951 they did not hesitate to bring into their company for the occasion the blazing talents of Edwige Feuillère. They also went to Venice, South America, Western Europe and Canada, returning to Edinburgh and several times to London in the World Theatre season.

In 1958, after ten years at the Marigny and two years of touring, interspersed with productions of Schéhadé and Kafka at the Théâtre Sarah Bernhardt, and then Offenbach's *La Vie Parisienne* at the Palais Royal, Barrault was invited to take his company to the state subsidised Odéon, renamed Théâtre de France. He revelled in the idea of being in the student quarter of Paris. To inaugurate his seasons at the theatre he chose to mount Claudel's pre-1910 verse-drama, *Tête d'Or*, which represented for Barrault the revolt of the angry young man, in epic form. By an irony of fate he revived *Tête d'Or* in 1968. This was the moment of his friends' betrayal, a betrayal beyond comprehension anywhere outside Paris.

Barrault had always been on the side of the student young; yet the theatre that the students chose to wreck in the May riots was Barrault's. All others were spared. The building was desecrated, and its valuable costumes used for toilet paper. "Why don't they go to the Comédie Française?" asked the bewildered Madeleine Renaud. André Malraux, de Gaulle's Minister for Cultural Affairs, who had personally chosen Barrault for the Théâtre de France, ordered him to cut off the electricity. He refused — murmuring, "Serviteur, mais pas valet" — and was dismissed.

Thus began the truly heroic period of their lives. Barrault at nearly sixty and Madeleine Renaud approaching seventy were left penniless and without a theatre. Undiscouraged, they wandered from theatre to theatre. They took over an old circus; they built a theatre in the old Gare d'Orsay. They put on spectacles like *Rabelais*, plays by Jarry and a dramatisation of Nietzsche's *Also sprach Zarathustra*. He continued to encourage experimentation at the end of a long life in which his company had played not only established writers like Anouilh, Montherlant and Salacrou, but also that of comparative newcomers, such as Billetdoux, Beckett, Genet, and Marguerite Duras.

The range of his activities was wide enough to meet the approval even of a Gordon Craig. To remind us of these, there are his books of *Réflexions*, his *Souvenirs pour demain*, his *Comme je le pense*, and the jottings from his rucksack which have found their way into the numerous *Cahiers Renaud-Barrault*.

Among his many distinctions was his election as an officer of the Légion d'Honneur, but the one that gave him greatest pleasure was probably the Molière award, given jointly to him and his wife in 1991. Madeleine Renaud, now 93, survives him.

GROUP CAPTAIN GEORGE CAREY-FOSTER

Group Captain George Carey-Foster, CMG, DFC, AFC, bomber pilot and diplomat, died at Eastbourne on January 14 aged 86. He was born on November 19, 1907.



GEORGE CAREY-FOSTER gave distinguished service to his country in two very different spheres: first in the Royal Air Force, which was direct and straightforward, and then in supplying a support arm to the Foreign Office, which proved much more complex and tortuous.

The son of a surgeon, George Arthur Carey-Foster was educated at Clifton College, leaving it to join the Royal Air Force in which he was commissioned from Cranwell in 1929. In 1935 he went on the Reserve but continued to train pilots. Having rejoined the RAF in 1939, he was regarded as such an expert in pilot-training that, much to his frustration, he was kept at it until well into the war.

It was only after his younger brother had been killed in action that he obtained command of a bomber squadron — with which, during the following years, he flew many missions over Germany, winning the DFC. He then served as Group Captain Operations at Bomber Command, of whose Commander-in-Chief, Sir Arthur Harris, he always remained a loyal supporter.

In 1946, not expecting further promotion in the RAF, he accepted a suggestion by Sir John Dashwood, who during the war had been security adviser to the Foreign Office, that he should set up the FO's first security department. During the next five years, with no previous experience in this field, and nothing in the Foreign Office past to build upon, he gradually got the existence of such a department accepted in the minds of the mandarins.

At first its role was restricted to physical security, safes, locks, the proper care of files, cypher books, diplomatic bags, etc. He recruited a small group of security inspectors of posts abroad and did many inspections himself. He soon became convinced that his department should also be responsible for the security of individuals but he found the personnel department unwilling to pass to him information which might have a bearing on the reliability of individual diplomats.

This opposition had serious consequences in the notorious case of Donald Maclean. From January 1949 Carey-Foster had been working on the evidence of the presence of a British spy in Washington, which emerged in successive fragments from cryptographic sources, seeking to identify the spy among the many people who could have had access to the information passed to the KGB. There can be little doubt that, if only Carey-Foster had received prompt information about Maclean's behaviour in Cairo and in London thereafter, attention would have been focused on the defector earlier. It finally required a vital clue to emerge from a decyphered Soviet telegram for Maclean to be identified.

Once it had been decided that Maclean should be put under observation, responsibility for watching him passed to MI5, the Home Office and the Special Branch. Carey-Foster was in no way responsible for the long delay in authorising Maclean's interrogation nor for the weekend gap in keeping him under scrutiny which enabled him to escape on a Channel ferry with Guy Burgess. Carey-Foster shared with others in the Foreign Office and MI5 the conviction that Philby had warned the KGB that Maclean was in danger.

After this lamentable affair, it was accepted that responsibility for the security of its personnel should in future belong to Carey-Foster's department. The Foreign Office Security Department assumed the role that formerly — notionally at least — rested with the Personnel Department. In 1952 the value of Carey-Foster's work was recognised by his appointment as CMG. The rest of his service was spent abroad, as Consul General at Hanover and Counsellor at Río de Janeiro, Warsaw and The Hague. He retired in 1968.

A keen gardener and a connoisseur of wine, he spent most of a long retirement quietly in his wife's country of Co Cork. Latterly they moved to Sussex to be near their married daughter. He is survived by her and his wife Peggy, to whom he had been happily married for 58 years.

PROFESSOR GEORGE ETTLINGER

Professor George Ettlinger, neuropsychologist who held university chairs in both England and Germany, died on December 15 aged 66. He was born in Germany on May 5, 1927.



IN ALL his scientific research, George Ettlinger was characterised by two things: an absolute honesty and integrity, and a careful and rigorous experimental approach. For these qualities he gained the respect and admiration of his students and colleagues and became a major figure in the postwar development of neuropsychology. His modesty, however, inhibited him from seeking publicity: he never pushed himself forward or attempted to popularise his work. Consequently he never gained the wider recognition he deserved.

Ettlinger was educated entirely in Oxford, where his parents sent him to school from Germany. (His father being Jewish, his family later followed him to England before the Second World War.) He gained a scholarship to St Edward's School and, after three years service in the Royal Tank Regiment, read Psychology and Physiology at Balliol. He gained his PhD at the University of London in 1955, and became one of a loosely-knit group of pioneers who helped shape the discipline of neuropsychology during the late 1950s and 1960s.

His professional life had three phases, during the course of which he published over 170 scientific papers. From 1952 to 1962 he was at the Institute of Neurology, Queen Square, London. From there he went to the Institute of Psychiatry, Denmark Hill, London, where, between 1976 and 1980, he was Professor of Neuropsychology.

In 1980 he decided to return for a time to the land of his birth. There, until 1989 he was Professor of Psychology at the University of Bielefeld.

Ettlinger began his research career under the supervision of Oliver Zangwill (Professor of Psychology at Cambridge) and published one of his most influential papers as a result of that early work. At that time (the early 1950s), there was widespread scepticism that it was possible for brain damage to cause a patient to suffer from a specific failure of visual recognition (known as "visual agnosia").

It was widely believed that recognition difficulties could be attributed entirely to a combination of elementary sensory losses (eg of colour vision or visual acuity) along with intellectual deficits. By carrying out a series of careful tests, however, Ettlinger convincingly disproved this view: he showed that patients could suffer from severe sensory deficits while, conversely, a patient could be agnosic yet have only mild sensory deficits.

Ettlinger went on to spend much of his scientific career carrying out research designed to elucidate the brain mechanisms underlying this process of visual recognition, primarily through behavioural and physiological studies of the monkey. But, despite the importance of these contributions, his interests were never narrow. For example, he also carried out extensive work on the role of the corpus callosum in integrating activity between the two sides of the brain; and on "cross-modal transfer", whereby, for example, a seen object could be recognised through touch.

In an imaginative departure during the 1970s, he started to address, both theoretically and empirically, questions of the differences and communalities among human and non-human primates. An important part of this research programme was a series of behavioural studies of the cognitive capacities of chimpanzees.

Ettlinger took early retirement from the Chair of Psychology at Bielefeld at the age of 62 and moved back to Britain to live beside the River Thames near Twyford in Berkshire.

He died after a brief illness, and is survived by his third wife, Madeline, and a son and a daughter of his first marriage.

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Advertising, being ubiquitous, hyperbolic, and given to excess, draws on itself a steady barrage of criticism. Its techniques and purposes are so various that almost no generalization about it will stand without qualification: but since almost no generalization about it is altogether without instances to support it, this complexity does not inhibit the expression of sweeping judgments. They are found among economists who allege waste and misdirection of resources and detect in advertising a tendency to canalize demand until a market is dominated by a handful of powerful manufacturers. They are found among the sensitive, who deplore its vulgarity, its attachment to the female form, the relentlessness of its pressure, or the dubious artifices it employs. They are found among those with no particular pretensions to expertise or good taste, who find it boosting things of which they disapprove, liquor perhaps or gambling, or who believe that enormous sums are spent pushing different brands of essentially indistinguishable articles which could equally well be devoted to a reduction of price.

All this has built up a fund of ill-will which neither the sanctimonious disclaimers of some advertising men nor the no-nonsense bluntness of others has managed to dissipate. Argument about advertising as a whole or particular manifestations of it is shot through with prejudice. The value of Mr Walter Taplin's *Advertising: A new Approach*, which is published to-day, is that it offers a cool appraisal. As becomes the occupant of the only university post in the subject in Britain, he is circumspectly academic in his approach. He examines the function of advertising in a free economy and the morality of its aims and methods, and he gives a general description of the working of the industry.

Legislation and the standards the advertising industry sets itself have greatly reduced, though not entirely banished, instances of blatant deception. But there remain subtler questions. Is exaggeration untruthful when everyone recognizes it for what it is? Or take the common device of suggested association. A manufacturer promotes the sale of his bath soap by associating it in advertisement with engagement rings and wedding bells. He cannot, nor does he try to, establish any statistical or causal connexion between his soap and marriage. Is his advertisement then to be thought misleading in any culpable sense? Only by the mistake of attributing an unreal degree of literal-mindedness to both advertiser and audience. The advertisement does not say, nor is it read as meaning: Use this soap and get a husband.

Those who allow themselves to be persuaded are moved in a more subtle way. So it is with the advertised association of pipe tobacco with a bronzed man in a bush shirt, of whisky with the solid refinements of a London club. The advertisements are invitations not only to purchase but in doing so to indulge in fantasies: and if the appeal gets across the indulgence may be pronounced irrational, fleeting, vague, and harmless, though sometimes expensive.

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The vast modern-day expenditure on advertising brings to mind the industrialist who complained that half his company's advertising was wasted, but unfortunately he did not know which half.

The 150th anniversary of the YMCA, founded by a draper's assistant in the City of London, gives plenty of cause for celebration

YMCA reaches all the ages

The YMCA is committed to helping youngsters, particularly in times of need. It provides accommodation for about 7,000 homeless young people every night. It has five recording studios for budding young pop stars. It provides health and fitness classes for mothers with toddlers. It runs courses for pregnant schoolgirls. And the YMCA invented volleyball.

The charity is one of the oldest youth organisations in the country, founded in London in 1844 as the Young Men's Christian Association by George Williams, a draper's assistant, to help young people working in the City. Over 150 years, it has become a worldwide movement. One hundred countries are members of the international YMCA, operating autonomously but meeting every four years to identify common key issues.

In England, the YMCA is a Christian organisation made up of 200 independent local associations. The work of the YMCA has moved far beyond the popular image of sports clubs and old-fashioned accommodation for men, though its mission is unchanged, according to the national secretary, Nicholas Nightingale.

"We still aim to support young people in mind, body and spirit," he says, "by acting before a problem becomes a crisis. We provide accommodation before homelessness arises, offer training to combat the effects of long-term unemployment, and give recreational opportunities to youngsters who may otherwise be tempted into crime."

Last year, one million young people were unable to find work, many were homeless and others suffered abuse or violence. The YMCA response is practical. In 1993, its local associations provided accommodation for 60,000 people, 20,000 received vocational training, and 27,500 youngsters went on adventure holidays and activity breaks.

The strength of the YMCA's work, according to Mr Nightingale, lies in the autonomy of its 200 associations. "The movement responds at a local level with whatever is most appropriate for its own community, and this front-line approach means a diversity of programmes, particularly in the training we offer."

Craig, Mark and Joady, young teenagers living on the Hawksworth Estate in Leeds, are learning how to repair and ride motorbikes at the YMCA youth centre. Another scheme, MOT (for Motor Offence Training), was devised by Mick Turner, the centre manager, together with parents on the estate, in a deprived inner-city council area, who were concerned about the incidents of car theft and "joyriding" by their children.

> 'We respond locally with whatever is most appropriate'

A group of youngsters who had been convicted of motoring offences went through a 13-week programme including talks from a judge and a road accident victim, restoring a car at a local garage and an activity weekend riding mountain bikes in the Yorkshire Dales. One participant told Mr Turner that he would stop stealing cars if he could spend more time on a mountain bike.

Practical solutions to a community's problems are often innovative. YMCA workers were being called in by the police to volatile domestic situations, which led to courses in Bristol leading to a recognised qualification in community interpreting for the Asian population. In Cambridgeshire, which has a record number of children in care and a rising juvenile crime rate, the Youthwise project runs activities like canoeing and sailing for young children at risk.

The National Council of YMCAs provides local associations with centrally-funded housing and training services. Its Y Training operation has 12,000 YT trainees who have special needs.

Emma Burrow found travelling alone by train to a leadership course at the YMCA's Lakeside training centre the most difficult part of the two-week course. Miss Burrow, 18, joined the YMCA youth centre in Leeds because she was unemployed and there was "nothing to do but hang around". Now she helps out there two days a week, working on the NOMAD project with physically disabled people. But the leadership course gave her enough confidence to undertake an even more hazardous journey — to the Amazon. Now she plans to join the voluntary police corps.

As a Christian charity, the YMCA offers courses on spiritual development, but practical help is provided for anyone, regardless of faith, gender or race.

Mobile projects such as RHYME (the Really Hip Youth Music Enterprise), which takes musical equipment to youth centres and special schools, is a low-cost way of reaching young people in deprived areas.

But Mr Turner estimates that the work of the YMCA's Hawksworth Estate centre, ranging from health care for pregnant women to socials for the elderly, touches the lives of 75 per cent of local inhabitants from even before the cradle to the grave.

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From bare room to great movement

THE worldwide YMCA movement began 150 years ago in a small, bare bedroom above a draper's shop in St Paul's churchyard in London. A dozen young men, representing four Christian denominations and led by George Williams, a farmer's son from Somerset, decided there was a crying need to promote "the spiritual and mental development of London's apprentices" through prayer, good works and education.

Williams was dismayed by the state to which working conditions had reduced London's thousands of young, male shop assistants, who worked up to 14 hours a day for six days a week. Many found solace in taverns and gambling houses.

Within only five years, the YMCA's headquarters at Gresham Street, in the City, had a library, reading rooms and classes in English, arithmetic and foreign languages. By 1882, when the National Council of YMCAs was formed to co-ordinate the work, they numbered 188, and when George Williams, its president, was knighted in 1894, there were 405.



Sir George Williams

The movement went from strength to strength abroad as well, spreading to countries across Africa and Asia.

DAVID LOSHAK

Rescue from the mean streets

Outreach projects are helping the victims of urban decay

The changing role of the YMCA is best demonstrated by two projects aimed at tackling the evils of urban decay and its effect on disadvantaged 16 to 25-year-olds. In 1984, Newcastle YMCA felt that leisure centres were taking over its traditional role as provider of physical recreation facilities. It decided to rent out its well-equipped central premises and use part of the income to commission a survey on the specific needs of youngsters in its area. The resulting report led to a complete change of policy and the setting up of two important outreach projects.

Project 10 is an education advice programme for youngsters who have had, or are experiencing, housing difficulties. Its base is a ground-floor flat in the centre block of ten high-rise blocks in Cruddas Park, an area described by Jim Lamb, the director of Newcastle YMCA, as "the least desirable residential area I know". Fifty per cent unemployment is often the norm. Crime is rife, sexual and drug abuse are commonplace.

When a homeless teenager is allocated a flat, he or she will often arrive to set up house with no more than a door key and a carrier bag of possessions. Project 10 welcomes newcomers with a "starter pack", the basics for a first night in a new home — light bulb, toilet roll, toothbrush and paste, tea, milk and sugar. Help and advice is given on cooking, budgeting, contacts for courses and benefit procedures. In the case of youngsters going to prison, contact is kept up with regular visits, and often the offender will be met by a Project 10 worker on his or her release.

The Walker Project operates from the streets. Workers are chosen for their special aptitude and conversational skills and their aim is to identify, influence and support those most at risk. "The kind of kids most in need of help wouldn't be seen dead in a youth club," says Mr Lamb. "We have to meet them on their own terms and speak to them in their own language. In the fight against drugs, one worker arranged a parachute jump for 13 kids in an effort to teach them that there are other ways of achieving the buzz, the high, they all crave."

Time Stop in Peterborough, tackles the problem of homelessness. Run by the YMCA it combines an accommodation project, drop-in centre and professional counselling service, plus telephone counselling. Open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, it was the brainchild of Michaela King, who was herself homeless at 16 and is a previous winner of Radio 4's Best of British Youth award.

Last year more than 5,000 youngsters visited the drop-in centre. A further 385 used the counselling service, with relationship difficulties and sexual abuse accounting for 31 per cent and 21 per cent of problems respectively.

Hostel residents have their own rooms, attractively furnished with a bed, wardrobe, sink and refrigerator.

Director Richard Long is concerned that the project should be "more than sticking plaster. There's a danger that we merely respond to youngsters in trouble. We should be out there in the schools doing pro-active work in an effort to stop the relentless flow of arrivals. Last year we turned away 60 per cent; we must find a way to do better."

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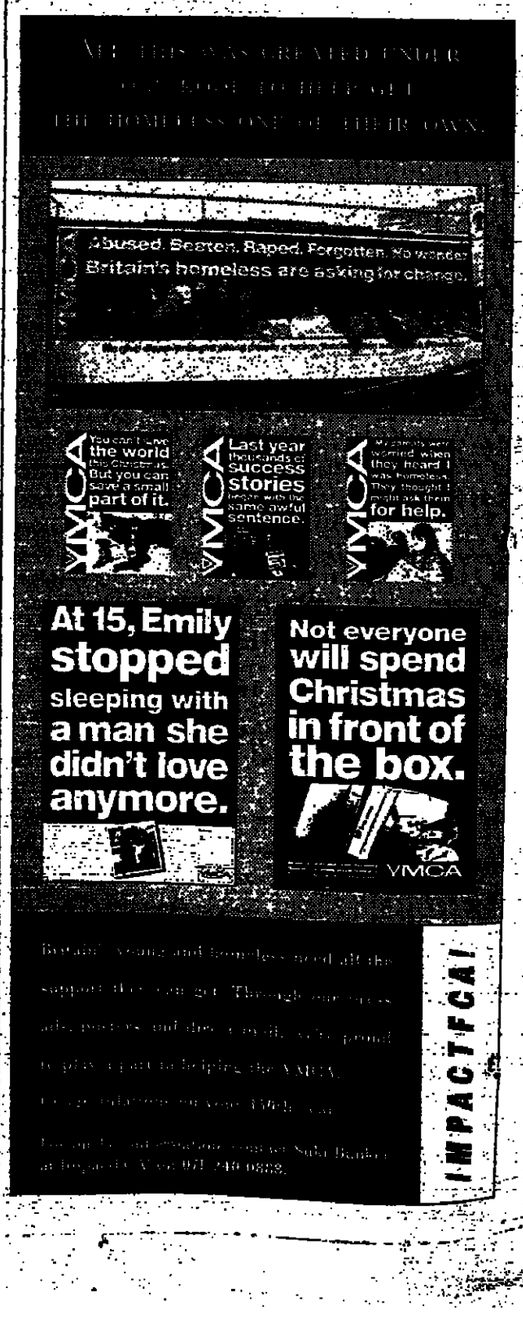
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Where children learn from a day on the farm — or a week of watersports

The YMCA's day and residential camps are booming

The American concept of a day camp was first tried in Britain in the Seventies at Fairthorn Manor, a 19th-century residence set in 94 acres between Southampton and Portsmouth, *Ros Drinkwater writes*. In the first year 30 children attended.

This summer the figure will be close to 500. Over the years Fairthorn has developed into a multi-functional centre offering both day and residential courses for all ages and abilities.

Students and employees visit to develop teamwork and leadership skills and improve personal and group motivation. The day camp, meanwhile, has become a British tradition. Every year, thousands of youngsters can look forward to a YMCA non-residential holiday. From Monday to Friday programmes are devised to suit all age groups from five to 15-year-olds and, despite the underlying educational value, the emphasis is always on fun and adventure.

Julia Rankin, assistant director of YMCA Day Camps, says: "Our main aim is to integrate children from every conceivable economic and cultural background. Although we are a Christian organisation, religion isn't an issue and is certainly never rammed down anyone's throat. Children don't think about race or creed."

Several sites cater for children in London and the home counties. Park Lodge Farm is a working, commercial farm owned and operated by Hillingdon Borough Council. The addition in 1988 of watersports to the programme led to the setting up of a Watersports Camp in its own right. Between 30 and 40 children a week enjoy canoeing, kayaking, windsurfing and raft-building.

Squerryes Home Farm at Westerham in Kent has a small riding camp, a BMX track, and an adventure playground. Facilities at the newest site, Mansfield outdoor activity centre in Essex, include a large swimming pool and an obstacle course.

Day camps are funded by donations from parents who pay to have their children attend. Costs for a week's stay are between £60 and £70, depending on site. Bursary schemes operate to help those in need. There are also referrals from Barnardo's and social services. Last year a grant from Children in Need provided 82 places at Westerham.

An important aspect of the programme is the training of leaders. "Their role is to guide the children through the week's activities and to act as counsellor and friend, giving support and encouragement," Ms Rankin says.

In terms of outdoor courses and numbers attending, the YMCA National Centre at Lakeside is one of the largest in Europe. Every year more than 12,000 people visit this outdoor education, development, training and conference centre located on a 400-acre estate on the shores of Windermere.



Youngsters enjoy a rafting adventure at the YMCA National Centre at Lakeside

Helping hand across the world

David Loshak reports on international education and aid

Wars, famine, drought and other disasters; natural and man-made, provide a constant challenge to which the YMCA responds with speed and resourcefulness across the world.

One recent example was the £300,000 that went to Bombay YMCA, one of the Indian government's official disaster relief agencies, to provide food, mobile clinics, medicine, blankets and shelter for victims of last September's terrible earthquake.

This vigorous YMCA answered the call within hours. Three teams of doctors and volunteers went into the stricken area with blankets, food, lanterns and other emergency supplies. They helped to rescue trapped victims and to cremate bodies and animal carcasses.

Thousands of homeless people were given plastic sheeting to protect them from heavy monsoon rains, followed by tents and makeshift shelters using metal sheets. The YMCA plans to move on to the construction of permanent, quake-resistant homes.

The YMCA's Projects Unit in Britain, having identified tents as a priority, arranged for them to be shipped to Bombay, with the help of volunteers from branches in Waltham Forest, Reading and Nottingham, while the Education Unit co-ordinated the work of volunteers and worked with them in loading and unloading supplies.

The YMCA sees its next task as helping people to recover from the disaster. Rehabilitation schemes will include counselling traumatised children, building schools and caring for orphans.

This was a truly international relief effort. Indeed, almost from the outset 150 years ago, the YMCA has been an international organisation, and today is one of the world's largest Christian charities, with some 30 million members and volunteers in 125 countries. Its work today extends well beyond disaster relief.

But Y Care International, the overseas development arm of the English, Welsh, Irish and Scottish YMCA, while valuing the charitable motives of those in the developed world, sees its main aim as helping local people to resolve their own problems, using local materials and skills.

Y Care International was set up by Terry Waite in 1984 to raise funds for communities in the Third World, and supports many projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

These include primary health care facilities, vocational training, work with refugees and street children, environmental projects, hygienic water supplies, practical support and disaster aid. Money is channelled through local YMCAs to help the poorest of the poor.

In Africa, projects include rural community development in Gambia, environmental work in Togo, and help for children in city slums, refugee camps and villages throughout the continent.

In the area around the Ugandan town of Jinja, Well Committees enabled villagers to overcome inadequate water sanitation, the cause of widespread health problems and many avoidable deaths from typhoid, diarrhoea and stomach disorders.

"Community leaders reported that, for the first time, months went by without a child being buried," says Sam Nyome, general secretary of the Africa Alliance of YMCAs.

"It is remarkable that wars and drought right across Africa have not distracted YMCAs from development work. Many have been able to respond to these disasters, yet keep sight of exciting long-term aims. Most have strategic plans and are ensuring their work really improves the lives of their people."

Kameel Nasir, secretary of the Middle East Committee of YMCAs, says: "Peace will come to the Middle East, but meanwhile the YMCA stands apart from fratricidal struggles and is directly working with the young through its different programmes.

"Our role is to be an instrument of reconciliation, providing much-needed faith in the future where life has been made difficult and disturbing for young people by its absence. We are thereby witnessing God's direct promise of peace to mankind."



Knowledge is hope: education for children in Bombay — the YMCA sees its main aim as helping local people to resolve their own problems

Building a better future for youth

A £34 million programme is providing homes and jobs

Homelessness is a priority for the YMCA, the largest voluntary provider in the UK of low-cost accommodation for young people, *Widget Finn writes*.

Every night 7,000 young people stay in YMCA accommodation who otherwise could be roaming the streets or sleeping on pavements. Many are homeless because of family breakdown, violence or unemployment. With nowhere to live, they cannot get a job and become prey to poverty and crime.

The YMCA National Council's housing department has a £34 million building programme to create 1,000 new dwellings by 1996. Andrew Harris, director of housing, has seen a change over the past five years in the type of accommodation which the YMCA provides, moving closer to the charity's mission to develop the whole person by tackling homelessness and unemployment together.

In the 1960s and 1970s the main demand was for student accommodation. Young people now are leaving home earlier and more often because of family problems, the withdrawal of benefits for the under-18s, and a shortage of social housing.

"There are about 156,000 homeless teenagers in Britain, with an increasing number as young as 16 or 17," Mr Harris says. "The YMCA provides a safe, secure environment where they can learn how to be fully independent."

The YMCA runs 73 hostels and accommodation centres which provide 6,000 bed spaces in towns, coastal areas and inner cities. The old-style YMCA hostels where everything including the food was provided is giving way to an increasing demand for self-catering accommodation. Thirty per cent of the bed spaces provided in the new building programme will be in direct access hostels for youngsters coming in off the street, while the remainder will be bedsits, self-catering and "move-on" accommodation.

The Foyer programme, which provides accommodation and vocational training under the same roof, is part of the YMCA's philosophy that it is not enough merely to house the homeless.

"That is only solving part of the problem," Mr Harris says. "We have to offer young people the means, through training, to get a job so that they can be financially and socially independent."

Thirty per cent of the funding for the development programme comes from local authorities, the balance from the Housing Corporation, loans and donations.

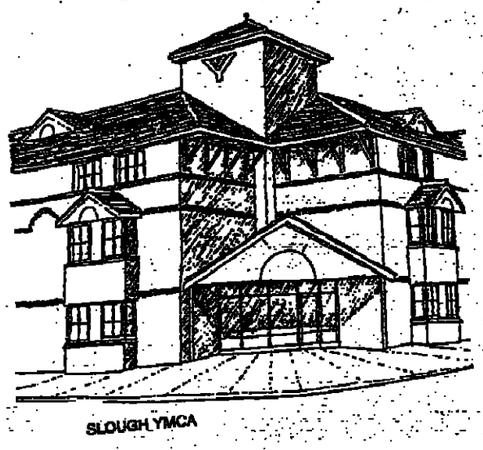
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NEWS

Channel tunnel route unveiled

■ The route for the £3 billion Channel tunnel high-speed rail link was unveiled at last, but uncertainty remained on its path and its funding.

The 68-mile Folkestone-St Pancras line was announced by John MacGregor, the Transport Secretary, who promised substantial public money for the project — which the Government has always insisted should be financed privately. He refused to be drawn on suggestions the contribution could be as much as £1.5 billion ..... Pages 1, 2, 3, 16, 17, 24

Shoestring poll budget for Major

■ John Major will be forced to fight on a shoestring budget in council and European elections that are critical to his political survival. Senior Tories said the party would have far less than the £1 million spent five years ago ..... Pages 1, 7, 8, 16

Recovery fillip

Signs that the economic recovery is gathering strength brought relief to the Chancellor as he tried to fight off rising Tory concern over the party's dented low-taxation image ..... Pages 1, 17

Whammy avoidance

Mortgage payers can plan to limit the damage of Kenneth Clarke's triple tax whammy ..... Page 9

Bosnia romance

Colonel Bob Stewart, former *commander of British troops in* Bosnia, has married Claire Podbielski, the Swiss aid worker with whom he fell in love during his service there ..... Pages 1, 10

Knee unbowed

Anita Keating, the wife of the Australian Prime Minister, spurned royal protocol and did not curtsy to the Prince of Wales *in Sydney* ..... Page 2

School sexuality

Boarding-school pupils are more than twice as likely to report homosexual experiences as day-school children, according to a survey. Public schools said the finding was out of date ..... Page 3

Mirror advances

David Montgomery, chief executive of Mirror Group Newspapers, moved closer to taking a major stake in *The Independent* and *The Independent on Sunday*, announcing a consortium to bid for the titles ..... Page 4

Churches threat

A quarter of the Anglican churches in the City of London could face redundancy or a change of use under sweeping recommendations that critics are comparing with the effects of the Great Fire ..... Pages 1, 5

Whitehall bypass

The regions of Britain are being urged to use Brussels as a "Whitehall bypass" to promote projects that are blocked by central government ..... Page 7

Iraq enquiry

Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, will today face questions designed to illuminate how much he knew about contributions Iraqi arms ..... Page 8

Air support call

Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose assumed command of UN troops in Bosnia and reiterated the need for peacekeepers to be able to rely on quick support from Nato planes ..... Page 10

Pentagon runner

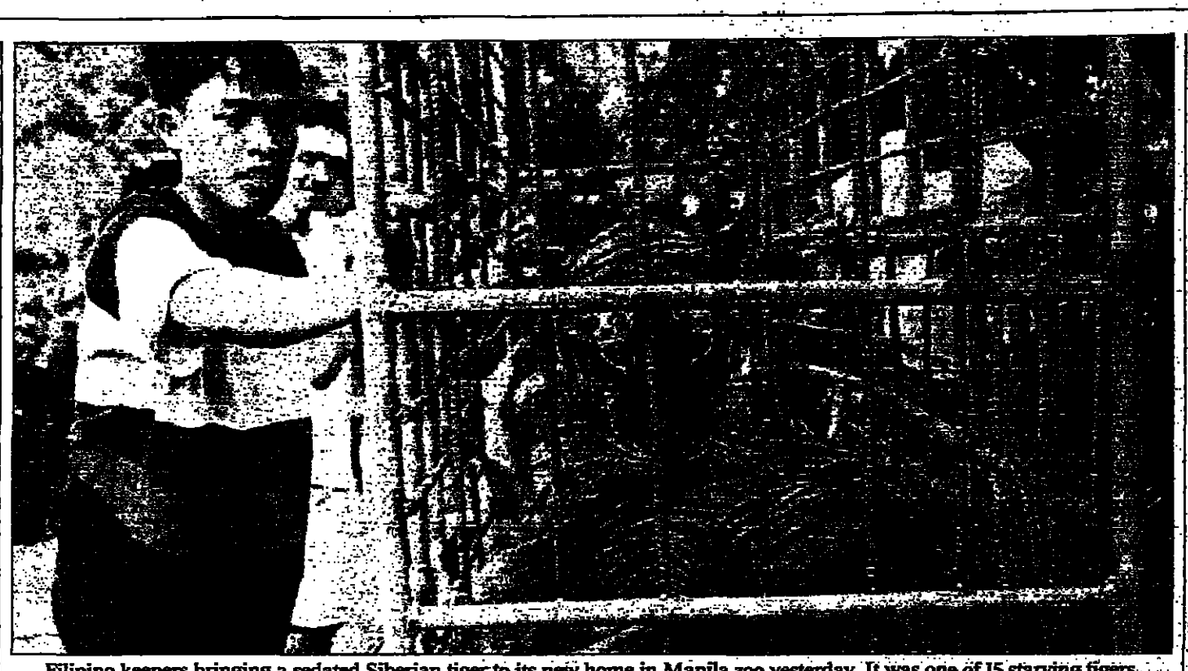
President Clinton was set to nominate William Perry, the Pentagon's No. 2, as his new Defence Secretary, hopping to end a near-farcical search ..... Page 12

Aid scrutiny

Britain's entire aid programme could face close scrutiny after allegations that the UK and Malaysia have been involved in an arms-for-aid deal ..... Page 13

Bobbitt faces paternity test

■ The legal saga has ended, the surgery is complete, but the *trials of John Wayne Bobbitt are not yet over. Mr Bobbitt, 26,* whose wife Lorena, an Ecuadorean manicurist, was acquitted last week of maliciously wounding him by cutting off his penis, is preparing to take a blood test to establish if he is the father of another woman's child ..... Page 13



Filipino keepers bringing a sedated Siberian tiger to its new home in Manila zoo yesterday. It was one of 15 starving tigers rescued by a British animal welfare group from the private menagerie of a German who fled after a forgery case

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Tennis: Mats Wilander, playing only his sixteenth match since resuming his career in April, came within half a dozen points of reaching *the quarter-finals of the Australian* Open. Shortage of practice was his undoing ..... Page 39

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Low note: Can the Royal Opera's *Carmen* get any worse? On Friday, the singer flown in at the last moment showed a better understanding of the opera than those who had rehearsed for weeks ..... Page 32

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Vanessa Redgrave, who has renounced Hollywood to launch a theatre company in London and accept the minimum actor's wage
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Andrew Caddick, the Somerset bowler, who scored 77 to guide England past 400 runs in their opening tour game against an Antigua XI
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Dame Vera Lynn is upset at being snubbed by organisers of ceremonies marking the D-Day landing 50th anniversary
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■ What is the attention span of the modern newspaper reader? Charles Bremner reports from Paris on France's newest national daily

Des. res. a joy forever?

■ Are those who bought flats in Dame Shirley Porter's time at Westminster City Council happy with their purchases?

Appetite for the big occasion

■ From Bolshoi superstar to king of Covent Garden, Irek Mukhamedov is the dancer who cannot get enough of performing

New model army

Catwalk queens and their pretenders take centre stage in *Network First: Supermodels* (ITV, 10.40pm; STV only, 11.40pm) ..... Page 43

Earth-moving time

Although Mr MacGregor gave no figures yesterday, the Government will probably now pay half the £3 billion estimated cost of the Channel Tunnel link ..... Page 17

Riding roughshod

Sir John [Banham] with his Local Government Commission might suppose that they had done Yorkshiremen a cultural service. But many of them remain deeply dissatisfied ..... Page 17

Waxing populist

To its discredit, the ANC has struck an ambiguous posture on nationalisation — the dreaded N-word that Nelson Mandela is careful not to use abroad ..... Page 17

BERNARD LEVIN

I pulled the cord, and Burundi's flag was unfurled . . . but of course I wrote a column about it all . . . Letters began to arrive: they told me, sadly or fiercely, that Burundi was no joke ..... Page 16

WOODROW WYATT

I have checked with four people who were there: they never heard Mr Major say he would "crucify" some of his own party . . . For my old and admirable friend Bernard Levin to demand an election now plus a Labour victory is near lunacy ..... Page 16

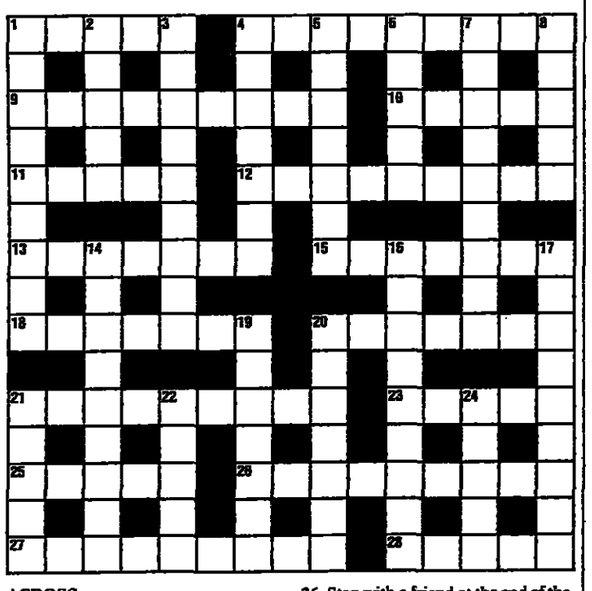
Jean-Louis Barrault, French actor-manager; Group Captain George Carey-Foster, bomber pilot and diplomat; Professor George Ettinger, neuropsychologist ..... Page 19

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None of the new officials [appointed to the Russian Cabinet] have voiced a coherent economic strategy; it is unlikely that any of them can . . . it is a threatening economic prescription for nearly everyone else

— The New York Times

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** Early rain in southern England will clear, then all parts of England and Wales will have some sunshine. Showers likely in the afternoon, especially in western areas. Eastern Scotland mostly dry with some sunshine, but the rest of Scotland and Northern Ireland will have frequent and heavy showers with snow over the hills. Shetland will have more persistent rain at first. Becoming very windy in northern and western areas, and colder everywhere.
☐ **London, SE, Cent S Eng, E Anglia, Channel Is:** Some rain at first but mostly dry and bright with some sunshine. Wind W, moderate. Mild at first. Max 10C (50F).
☐ **Midlands, E, Cent N Eng:** Mostly dry with bright or sunny spells. Wind W, moderate to fresh. Max 8C (46F).
☐ **SW, NW Eng, Wales, Lakes, I o M:** Bright or sunny spells. Showers later. Wind mainly W, fresh then strong to gale later. Mild in south at first. Max 8-10C (46-50F).
☐ **NE Eng, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** Mostly dry and bright with some sunshine. Wind westerly, fresh to strong. Max 7C (45F).
☐ **SW, NW, NE Scotland, Glasgow, Cent H'lands, Argyll, Orkney, N Ireland:** Showers, frequent and heavy at times; snow over hills. Wind W to NW, strong with gales in places later. Max 5-7C (41-45F).
☐ **Shetland:** Cloudy with rain. Brighter later. Wind W, strong to gale. Max 4C (39F).
☐ **Outlook:** Unsettled with showers or longer spells of rain. Windy, especially in the north and west.

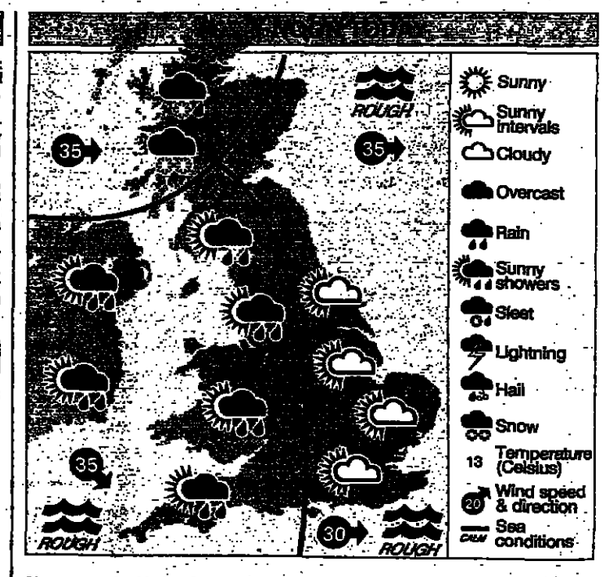
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MIDDAY t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; d=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

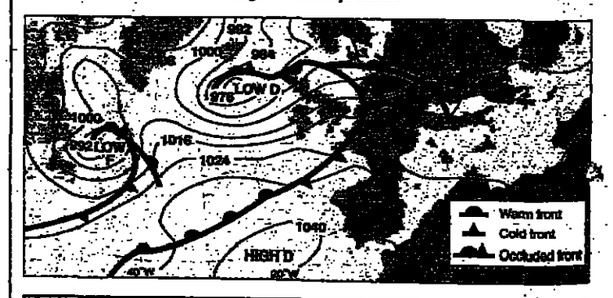
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Aberdeen	5.6	0.11	4	39	sn	Liverpool	3.2	0.49	6	43	sh
Anglesey	1.7	0.12	9	48	b	London	3.0	0.05	12	54	b
Aspatria	3.8	0.43	5	41	sh	Lowestoft	2.2	0.13	10	50	s
Aviemore	1.7	0.54	2	36	sn	Manchester	3.7	0.61	7	45	b
Belfast	2.3	0.04	5	41	sl	Margate	X	0.02	11	52	b
Birmingham	4.5	0.16	9	48	sh	Minehead	X	0.42	11	52	s
Bognor R	2.2	0.07	11	52	b	Morecambe	5.0	0.54	6	43	s
Bournem'th	2.0	0.07	12	54	b	Newcastle	6.4	-	5	41	sh
Bristol	4.4	0.30	11	52	s	Newquay	X				
Buxton	4.1	1.19	9	48	s	Norwich	3.1	0.09	11	52	r
Cardiff	5.2	0.65	9	48	s	Nottingham	5.9	0.38	9	48	s
Clacton	4.1	0.04	10	50	s	Penzance	-	0.06	11	52	d
Cleethorpes	X					Plymouth	1.3	0.14	11	52	r
Colwyn Bay	4.9	0.31	8	46	s	Poole	1.5	0.11	12	54	b
Cromer	4.8	0.19	7	45	s	Ross-o-wye	4.7	0.04	10	50	s
Dunbar	X					Ryde	X				
Eastbourne	2.0	0.09	10	50	c	Salcombe	X				
Edinburgh	5.9	0.15	4	39	sl	Sandown	1.4	0.11	11	52	d
Eskdalemuir	3.9	0.88	4	39	sh	Saunton Snd	1.4	0.32	10	50	d
Exmouth	0.2	0.07	11	52	r	Scarboro'	6.2	0.07	9	48	b
Falmouth	X	0.14	11	52	c	Scilly Isles	0.7	0.04	10	50	b
Folkestone	0.5	0.11	11	52	r	Shanklin	1.6	0.13	11	52	r
Glasgow	3.5	0.37	5	41	sn	Skegness	6.2	0.12	9	48	s
Guernsey	-	0.13	12	54	c	Southend	X				
Hastings	0.7	0.11	11	52	c	Southport	3.9	0.41	X	X	s
Hayling I.	X					Southsea	2.5	0.10	12	54	r
Herne Bay	1.1	0.02	12	54	c	Stornoway	1.3	0.25	3	37	r
Hove	1.2	0.05	13	55	b	Swanage	1.8	0.06	12	54	sh
Hunstanton	3.7	0.19	7	45	sh	Teignmouth	0.7	0.09	12	54	c
Isle of Man	0.4	0.41	8	46	b	Tenby	4.0	0.44	8	46	s
Jersey	-	0.09	11	52	d	Tiree	2.5	0.24	6	43	h
Kinloss	1.6	0.15	3	37	sn	Torquay	0.8	0.15	12	54	c
Leeds	6.7	0.45	7	45	s	Tynemouth	6.5	0.01	7	45	s
Lerwick	0.6	0.24	2	36	sn	Ventnor	1.3	0.15	11	52	b
Leuchars	6.9	0.12	4	39	s	Weston-s-mare	4.8	0.33	10	50	s
Littlehmptn	X					Weymouth	0.6	0.09	11	52	b
						Wick	X				

Ajaccio	13	55	f	Corfu	12	54	s	Malta	15	59	f
Alicetti	15	59	s	Dublin	6	46	d	Melb'rne	30	86	s
Alicante	18	64	f	Dubrovnik	10	50	s	Miami	23	73	f
Algarve	13	55	s	Faro	14	57	s	Milan	9	48	s
Amst'dm	6	43	f	Florence	5	41	s	Montreal	-17	1	sn
Athens	13	55	s	Frankfurt	6	43	c	Moscow	-3	27	sn
Bahrain	19	66	s	Funchal	16	61	c	Munich	7	45	c
Bangkok	28	82	s	Geneva	5	41	r	Nairobi	29	84	s
Barbados	29	84	r	Gibraltar	14	57	s	Naples	12	54	s
Barcelona	13	55	s	Helsinki	-1	30	sn	N Delhi	19	66	s
Beirut	17	63	f	Hong K	19	66	s	N York	-3	27	c
Belgrade	2	36	s	Innsbruck	3	37	f	Nice	13	55	s
Berlin	4	39	r	Istanbul	8	46	s	Oslo	3	37	s
Bermuda	28	68	f	Jeddah	26	79	s	Paris	11	52	c
Biarritz	10	50	c	Jo'burg	17	63	r	Peking	3	37	s
Borde'x	12	54	c	L Palmas	18	64	f	Perth	24	75	s
Brussels	7	45	c	La Toquet	8	43	f	Prague	3	37	f
Budapst	7	45	f	Lisbon	12	54	s	Reykjavik	-7	19	f
B Aires	25	77	f	Locarno	8	46	f	Rhodes	13	55	f
Cairo	16	61	f	L Angels	16	61	f	Rio de J	28	82	f
Cape Tn	30	86	s	Luxembg	4	39	r	Riyadh	19	66	s
Chicago	3	37	s	Luxor	21	70	s	Rome	12	54	s
Ch'church	13	55	d	Madrid	8	46	s	Salzburg	6	43	r
Cologne	6	43	r	Majorca	15	59	s	S Frisco	12	55	r
C'nhagn	4	39	c	Malaga	16	61	s	Santiago	26	79	s
								S Paulo	25	77	f
								Seoul	-2	28	c
								Stkholm	-1	30	s
								Straslbrg	6	43	r
								Sydney	25	77	s
								Tangier	15	59	s
								Tel Aviv	11	52	r
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								Wash'ton	3	37	s
								Wellington	17	63	r
								Zurich	4	39	r

X = not available



Changes to chart below from noon: complex low D will move east and fill while low F runs quickly northeastwards and deepens. High D will remain stationary with little change in central pressure



TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	—	—	12.11	6.11	Liverpool	9.36	8.32	9.59	8.46
Aberdeen	11.55	3.90	—	—	Lowestoft	7.57	2.21	8.09	2.38
Avonmouth	6.16	11.57	5.47	11.82	Margate	10.22	4.15	10.46	4.40
Belfast	9.22	3.21	9.49	3.04	Milford Haven	4.32	5.98	4.55	6.11
Cardiff	5.01	10.77	5.32	10.99	Newquay	3.28	6.00	3.49	6.20
Devonport	3.59	4.90	4.25	4.90	Oban	4.14	3.40	4.48	3.60
Dover	9.15	5.73	9.49	5.96	Penzance	3.02	4.70	3.55	4.70
Falmouth	3.29	4.70	3.55	4.70	Portland	4.44	1.70	5.21	1.60
Glasgow	11.16	4.60	11.57	4.20	Portsmouth	9.33	4.30	10.09	4.40
Harwich	10.10	3.44	10.34	3.54	Holyhead	8.51	5.01	9.11	5.00
Hollyhead	8.51	5.01	9.11	5.00	Shoreham	9.23	5.60	9.54	5.65
Hull	4.36	6.36	4.57	6.63	Southampton	9.19	4.11	9.53	4.16
Ilfracombe	4.14	7.84	4.42	8.01	Swansea	4.39	8.20	5.04	8.39
King's Lynn	4.41	5.50	5.02	5.60	Tees	1.57	4.58	2.21	4.81
Leith	12.50	4.74	1.15	4.95	W'ton-on-Nze	10.05	3.84	10.28	3.76

Sunday: Highest day temp: Hove, East Sussex 19C (65F); lowest day max: Wick, Highland 1C (34F); highest rainfall: Buxton, Derbyshire 1.19in; highest sunshine: Leuchars, Fife and Tynemouth, Tyne & Wear 8.9hr.

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Richard Budge, centre, owner of the first pit leased to the private sector from British Coal, talking to miners at Clipstone Colliery yesterday

Clipstone reopened by private operator

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

CLIPSTONE Colliery, one of 28 pits offered to the private sector, was handed over to RJB Mining yesterday. The company, quoted on the stock market, has leased the mine, near Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, for eight years. Work underground has resumed with 100 miners. Among them were 95 of the 565 men who worked at the colliery when it ceased production last April.

RJB Mining plans to resume output at a rate of 300,000 tonnes a year, less than half the previous volume, and target sales on household and industrial markets.

Meanwhile, a management bid for a Yorkshire pit, Hatfield, near Doncaster, was reported to have been filed yesterday in the name of the mine's manager, Geoff Ainley, by his union, the British Association of Colliery Management (BACM). When Hatfield closed last month it employed 260 men and 300 contractors. It too serves the markets for household and industrial coal. Doug Bulmer, BACM president, said: "It's because it is outside the electricity market we have placed the bid. We believe it can be a profitable mine."

Neil Clarke, chairman of British Coal, yesterday made a robust defence of the rapid slimdown of the corporation ahead of privatisation, scheduled to begin this autumn. While other state industries have been reorganised in the private sector, "the difference is that the necessary transformation is being achieved *before* privatisation," said Mr Clarke in an article in *The House Magazine*, the parliamentary weekly.

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CBI says tax rises will curb recovery

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

■ Industrial production rose during the past four months at the highest rate since July 1989, according to the CBI, which also recorded a faster rise in orders than expected

BUSINESS leaders warned yesterday that the Government's planned tax rises would dampen economic recovery as the latest industrial survey suggested that the economy is now growing steadily.

Howard Davies, CBI Director-General, said that while the economy was now moving ahead very well, the tax rises would take a lot of money out of the economy, and this was likely to dampen growth.

As soon as there was any sign of that happening, the Chancellor should cut interest rates. Economic recovery could be maintained through tight fiscal policy and lower interest rates to give growth this year of about 2.5 per cent.

Calculations published by the CBI yesterday suggested that tax rises and the Government's cuts in spending would remove 2.1 and 2.6 per cent respectively of gross domestic product from the economy in 1994-95 and 1995-96. The CBI acknowledged that the reduction of purchasing power could mean consumer demand might falter. But the confederation said that brighter job prospects and a more stable housing market may help to counteract the effects of higher tax bills.

The CBI gave warning, too, that if sterling continued to strengthen it could erode some of the competitive advantages gained since Britain withdrew from the ERM in 1992.

The confederation's industrial trends survey showed that manufacturing orders and output grew over the past four months, accompanied by a rise in export orders and deliveries. The outlook is stronger, too, and unit costs fell at the sharpest rate since the survey began in 1958.

Construction companies sounded an optimistic note for the first time in four years. Though some of the findings of the latest survey of workload in the building industry are equivocal about how far construction has moved out of recession, leaders of the Building Employers Confederation said that the increase in new business enquiries indicated clearly that the trading climate was at last beginning to improve. But they said they remained cautious.

The upbeat note of the CBI and the building industry contrasted with a survey last week from the British Chambers of Commerce, which suggested that the recovery was in doubt. Principal findings of the CBI's survey, conducted earlier this month, of 1,180 manufacturing companies covering two million employees included:

☐ Output. Over the past four months, output rose at the highest rate since July 1989, with a balance — those reporting an increase set against those registering a fall — of 9 per cent of companies recording a rise in output volumes.

☐ Orders. Orders rose more quickly than expected, to a balance of 11 per cent.

☐ Investment. Companies are planning to invest for the first time since July 1989. A balance of 7 per cent expect to invest in plant and machinery over the next 12 months.

☐ Employment. The fall in jobs was the slowest since jobs started to be cut in October 1989. A balance of 16 per cent of companies still expect to cut jobs, which the CBI said would lead to 27,000 lost jobs in manufacturing in the first quarter of this year.

☐ Unit costs. A balance of 12 per cent of companies reported a fall in unit costs.

☐ Confidence. Business confidence showed the sharpest improvement since April. Optimism soared from a balance of 1 per cent in October to 27 per cent this month.

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Firms aim to water down pension law reform plan

By Sarah Bagnall

THE pensions industry hopes to dilute the Government's planned legislation for pension fund reform by drawing up its own codes of practice.

The industry hopes to devise a set of guidelines by the autumn, which will differ from the recommendations laid out by the Goode Committee, the Government-appointed working party that recently delivered a 1,000-page report on pension law reform.

The report, initiated after the revelation that Robert Maxwell had plundered £450 million of pension fund money, recommended that the Government lay down a statutory framework for occupational pension schemes in a new Pensions Act. However, it may take two years before legislation enshrining many of the Goode report's proposals comes into effect.

Mike Brown, director of information services at the National Association of Pension Funds, said: "We want to produce codes of practice to try to avoid detailed legislation that would take a long time to introduce. By introducing the codes of practice, the legislation could be toned down or could enforce the codes of practice."

To produce the guidelines, the NAPF is joining forces with various pension bodies, including the Society of Pension Consultants, the Association of Consulting Actuaries, the Pensions Management Institute, the Association of Pensioneer Trustees, the Association of British Insurers, the Institute of Actuaries and the Faculty of Actuaries.

"We will produce the codes of practice unless the Government opposes the move, which is highly unlikely," Mr Brown said. "But we don't want to spend nine months drawing the codes up if they are only going to last 15 months."

The NAPF says it broadly supports most of the Goode committee's recommendations but argues that the proposals do not go far enough in places and that some aspects need more detailed consideration. As a result, some of the codes of practice are expected to vary from the report's recommendations.

The Goode committee proposes a minimum solvency requirement that if a pension scheme's funding level slips below 90 per cent, the employer has to make good the shortfall within three months. However, the NAPF is concerned that this may force companies into bankruptcy, damaging the interests of employees — the very people the legislation is meant to protect. This would have been the case in 1974, when the stock market dropped about 30 per cent, a fall that was made up in 1975.

The NAPF wants some flexibility, so that the three-month rule would apply to a company that had pursued an inappropriate investment policy but that a longer period should be available when a shortfall was due to stock market fluctuations.

Another area in which the NAPF would like greater flexibility is the requirement that a third of trustees must be appointed by pension scheme members. The NAPF wants this requirement waived when both members and the employer agree on a different configuration.

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The spate of new issues which began last year has continued, with four more announced yesterday
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At sixes and sevens over Independent

By Alexandra Frean
Media Correspondent

MIRROR Group Newspapers' proposed offer for a 40 per cent stake in Newspaper Publishing, owner of *The Independent* and *The Independent on Sunday*, is believed to be worth nearer £2 a share than the £3 tag given by some City analysts. Bankers advising the consortium MGN has put together with Andreas Whittam Smith, founding editor of *The Independent*, said a price of £60 million for the whole company was "far too high". But Christopher Barton, who was finance director of Newspaper Publishing between 1985 and 1990 and who owns 1.4 per cent of shares, said a fair offer for his shares would be £3.50, valuing the company at £77 million.

Dr Tony O'Reilly, the Irish press magnate, will put together his proposals for Newspaper Publishing this week but is not expected to make a firm offer.

David Montgomery, MGN's chief executive, said he did not expect his consortium's offer to be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Under this deal, Newspaper Publishing's main shareholders, *El Pais* of Spain and *La Repubblica* of Italy, would hold just over 50 per cent of the shares. MGN a little under 40 per cent, and Mr Whittam Smith and two other directors of *The Independent* the balance. MGN would renounce the right to vote on the appointment or dismissal of the editors of either title. Mr Whittam Smith would remain as editor.

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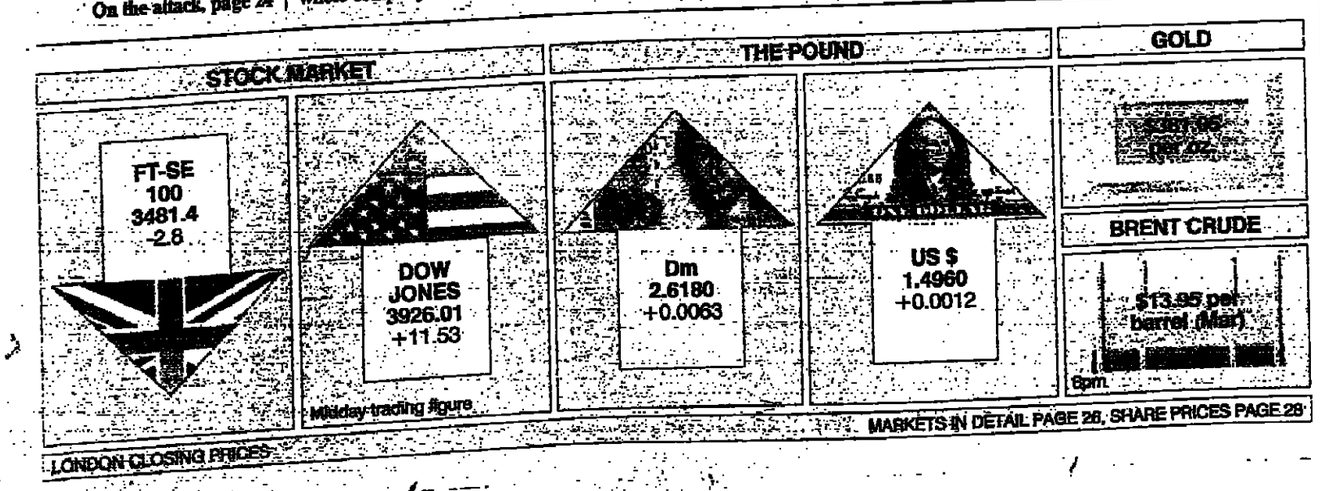
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Consortia poised to bid for Channel tunnel link

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

LEADING construction and railway equipment companies across Europe are positioning themselves to mount bids to build and operate the fast link to the Channel tunnel — if the figures add up. Despite the wariness engendered by years of ministerial dithering over the route and the amount of state funding available, many would-be participants simply cannot afford to ignore a £2-£3 billion project that may set the standards for a British high-speed rail network in the next century.

At least two consortia are known to be assembling proposals to build, own and operate the 68-mile line from Folkestone, Kent, to St Pancras, north London. But several groups are also working to promote parts of the project, such as stations with property developments, while bankers are evaluating the proposals for potential overseas participants.

The two front runners to take on the whole project are Eurorail, a consortium owned in equal parts by Trafalgar House, General Electric Company and BICC, and a grouping led by Ove Arup and Partners, the engineer. Eurorail was previously selected to build the link in a joint venture with British Rail, along a route south of the Thames abandoned after the Government refused to put sufficient money into it to overcome environmental objections.

Ove Arup, although rejected in the earlier contest, has always championed a route north of the Thames similar to that now chosen. A spokesman said the group was "in discussions with others about how to respond" and hoped to detail membership of its consortium next month. The government is also understood to have been soliciting interest abroad, and is said to have sounded out Hochtief, the German contractor, which recently backed a management-led purchase of Ballast Nedam, the Dutch contractor, from British Aerospace.

Swiss Bank Corporation said yesterday: "SBC, like other banks, is looking in general terms at the project." The link is one of the biggest UK construction projects tabled for the second half of the 1990s. With work at a low ebb, neither the rail equipment industry nor UK contractors can afford not to tender. A Union Rail document published last spring, with the implicit approval of ministers, put the total cost of the project at £2-3 billion, and estimated the need for public funds of £1.1-£1.6 billion to make it viable. Without such sums, the study said, the rate of return would be only 4 per cent against a perceived need to generate a return on capital of 12.5 per cent.

Supporters believe the Treasury has accepted the need for the cash, but is holding talks with the Department of Transport on precise sums and how to apportion them. Funding is expected to be via grants on the basis that the tunnel will relieve road and rail congestion.

The case for building the link hinges upon the expectation that rising demand for services through the tunnel will lead to capacity constraints on rail lines to the portals at Folkestone. According to Sir Alastair Morton, co-chairman of Eurotunnel, links to the tunnel, which opens in four months, are likely to prove inadequate within two years. Even if bids to build the the fast link are invited this spring, the two years required to obtain parliamentary approval, added to the construction period, means the link, which will also carry commuter traffic, will not be completed before 2002.

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German metal union threatens pay strikes

GERMANY'S largest trade union has threatened to call its members out on warning strikes before the end of January unless employers softened their stance in metal industry pay talks. The first stoppages would happen as soon as a ban on strikes during the negotiation period finished on January 28. Klaus Zwickel, leader of IG Metall, told a union conference in Wolfsburg. Earlier reports said the warning strikes might start in February.

The union has demanded a 5.5 per cent pay rise for 1994 and a reduction of the working week to 35 hours for the 2.5 million workers in the metal and electrical industry. But it has already said it would accept a lower pay increase if firms in the sector agreed to guarantee jobs. Employers want the reintroduction of the 40-hour week and cuts in holiday time and holiday bonuses. About 8,000 workers at the Mannheim plant of Mercedes-Benz staged a one-hour warning strike yesterday to protest against employers' stance on wages in the current negotiations.

Nikkei dives despite plan to boost economy

■ Dealers will wait to see if the Japanese government can repackage its political reform proposals and boost the economy before selling Japanese shares in earnest

By George Sivell, Assistant Business Editor

THE Nikkei fell almost 1,000 points yesterday after Japan's Upper House rejected political reforms put forward by Morihiro Hosokawa, the Prime Minister.

The share average's plunge — of 954.19 points for a close of 18,353.24 — came despite assurances that a package of measures to stimulate the stagnant economy would be included in a future draft of political reforms.

Japanese dealers were concerned about prospects of a prolonged period of political turmoil. A Bank of Japan manager said that the bank was worried that political developments might hurt business confidence by causing a fall in shares. But Jiro Saito, the Vice-Finance Minister, said that although the market's decline was caused by the uncertain political climate the fall did not change Japan's economic outlook.

Japanese and American leaders are due to meet in Washington on February 11. Asked if this was an effective deadline for Japan to adopt an economic stimulus package, Mr Saito said: "The Economic Planning Agency is working on the package. I should assume that the February 11 summit is on their minds."

Mr Hosokawa is to discuss progress with President Clinton of a July bilateral economic pact aimed at cutting Japan's huge trade surplus and improving access for outsiders to its domestic markets.

Many investors stuck to the sidelines in Tokyo yesterday, unwilling to sell stock until they could see whether the government could salvage something from its reform package before the Japanese parliament closes on January 29.

Masayoshi Takemura, Chief Cabinet Secretary, said that the government planned to draft an economic package in parallel with its efforts to pass political reform and hoped to draft before February 11 its budget for the fiscal year 1994-95, which starts on April 1. "The schedule is gradually getting tighter," Mr Takemura said, referring to the timetable for drafting the budget. The market expects the stimulus package to include an income tax cut, more public spending, and easier credit for industries and consumers.

However, Mr Hosokawa appeared to shrug off the share price slide. "It's not that much. They will go up again," he said. The dollar soared against the yen at the start of Tokyo trade on the back of its rally in New York. It later settled at 112.10 yen, the same as Friday's New York close.

Japanese government bond and futures prices jumped in morning trade, but had slipped off their peaks by midday. A securities house dealer said: "The unstable political situation fuelled hopes for a rate cut, but the market didn't seem to have enough energy to rise as in the previous rally."

Brokers and analysts say that providing the government survives the political crisis, Tokyo shares are unlikely to plunge further this week because of continued support by foreign investors.

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R-R Trent 700 engine certified

ROLLS-Royce has completed certification of its Trent 700 engine, the first of a new generation of super-powerful engines designed for large jets (Ross Tieman writes).

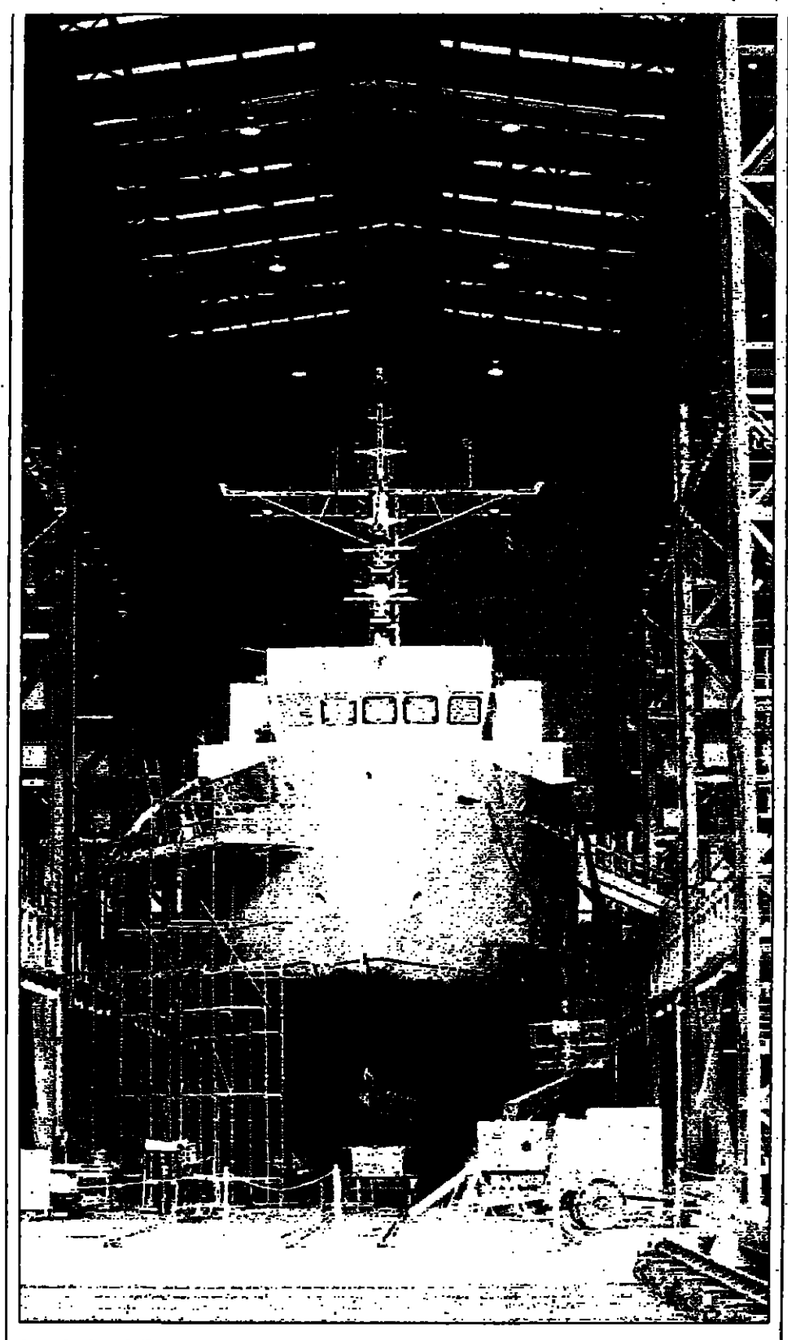
The engine is the key to Rolls-Royce's increasing success in winning orders from buyers of aircraft manufactured by Airbus Industrie.

Although Airbus, a pan-national group based in Toulouse, southern France, is now the world's second largest civil aircraft builder after Boeing of the United States, Rolls-Royce has hitherto scored only limited success with Airbus customers.

The Trent 700, derived from the RB211, is the most powerful engine ever built by Rolls-Royce, developing 72,000 lbs of thrust and is designed to fit the new Airbus A330.

Airbus aircraft fitted with the new engine have been ordered by five airlines, including TWA of the United States, Cathay Pacific and Garuda Indonesia.

An even larger version of the engine, the Trent 800, is now being designed to produce 90,000 lbs of thrust to power the new Boeing 777.



Rosyth Royal Dockyard, in Fife, has been awarded a £20 million contract to refurbish *HMS York*, a Type 42 destroyer. The refit, which starts immediately, is the first of 18 large warship refits promised to the Scottish yard by Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, last June, when he designated the Devonport yard in Plymouth, Devon, as the centre for maintaining Britain's Trident nuclear missile submarine fleet.

Warburg settles legal action

From a Correspondent in Dublin

SG WARBURG, the merchant bank, reached an out-of-court settlement of a legal dispute with Yeoman International, an Irish group, over advice given during the latter's takeover of CLF, a British leasing company.

The bank is believed to have paid Yeoman about £35 million to settle the negligence action. After legal costs of £2.5 million and a payment of £9.75 million to its bankers, Yeoman will have £22.75 million, or about 44p a share, considerably higher than the last price at which its shares traded.

The settlement was announced yesterday, a week after a High Court action by Yeoman was adjourned, five days into the hearing.

Yeoman had claimed compensation of £115 million because, it alleged, it had been given inadequate advice in the run-up to its 1989 takeover of CLF for £88 million. Yeoman later sold CLF for £1.

In April 1989, Yeoman had a market capitalisation of Ir£222 million. Last year, after it was delisted, its shares traded in matched bargains for as little as 4p, valuing the company at Ir£2 million. Since then, investors have paid up to 25p a share, expecting a settlement of the court action.

In 1988, Yeoman asked Warburg to help it identify a suitable UK-listed acquisition. CLF was identified. On the day before offer documentation was to be posted, it became apparent that the assets of a CLF subsidiary had been overstated and its liabilities understated.

Yeoman claimed in court that its advisers should have told it to pull out of the deal. Its lawyers said: "The directors of Yeoman ... relied on everything Warburg said." Warburg's lawyers told the court that Yeoman's case was based on the argument that its executives "had no judgments or opinions of their own".

Fund to help Banesto

RESTRUCTURING Banco Español de Crédito (Banesto), whose entire board was fired by Spain's central bank last month, will not involve public funds and the solution must be worked out via the deposit guarantee fund, according to Pedro Solbes, the Spanish economy minister. He said he believed the initial impact on the financial market of Banesto's difficulties had been overcome. The central bank and Banesto's new board are expected to meet this week, possibly today, to discuss the 675 billion peseta (£3.15 billion) hole in Banesto's finances that has to be plugged.

Molynx receives offer

MOLYNX Holdings has received an indicated bid from Silvermines, a fellow electrical equipment group, which values Molynx shares at 25p each. Molynx said last December that it was in negotiations that might lead to a recommended offer. It now says it expects to report a significant loss for the year to December 31, and adds that while the talks with Silvermines have progressed, they have not been finalised. An offer, which is subject to certain preconditions, would be on a share-for-share basis. Molynx shares fell 10½p to 25p.

Enquiry into Seat loss

VOLKSWAGEN, Europe's biggest carmaker, may open a Spanish front on its complex legal battlefield after stating it suspects that former managers of Seat, its Spanish subsidiary, may have withheld information about losses. VW said independent auditors would investigate last year's DM1.4 billion loss at Seat. Legal action might be taken if suspicions were confirmed, said VW, which is already embroiled in court cases with General Motors, arising from hiring GM executives and alleged industrial espionage.

Ad sales boost GWR

AIRTIME advertising sales are 30 per cent up on last year at GWR Group, the quoted local radio operator. Taxable profits in the year to September 30 jumped to £913,000 from £721,000, and the total dividend was up 28 per cent to 9p a share, via a 5p final. Earnings per share rose 16 per cent to 18.4p. GWR said promotions and sponsorship revenue had also increased 22 per cent. Directors said there continued to be expansion opportunities in central and eastern Europe. GWR shares jumped 12p to 765p. City Diary, page 27

Principality advances

A PICK-UP in the housing market and fewer borrowers in arrears, thanks to the strength of the economy in Wales, helped Principality Building Society, the Welsh mortgage lender, lift pre-tax profits 9.7 per cent to £18.68 million last year. Bad-debt provisions were £1.5 million, against the previous year's £1.6 million. Mortgage lending rose to £153.4 million (£141.2 million), taking the total mortgage book up to £954.7 million (£890.6 million). Retail savings balances increased £73 million to £942 million.

Excalibur back in black

EXCALIBUR, the precision engineering to consumer products group, returned to the black at the interim stage after refocusing the loss-making jewellery business on a small number of important customers. Jewellery losses were cut from £1.1 million to £5,000. A pre-tax loss of £183,000 was transformed into a £1.03 million profit for the six months to October 31. The dividend is lifted to 0.25p from 0.2p. Operating profit in the precision engineering business fell to £937,000 from £1.2 million in a tough trading environment.

Archer talks called off

TAKEOVER talks between AJ Archer, the Lloyd's combined agency, and fellow agency London Wall Holdings have collapsed after more than four months. "The boards of both Archer and London Wall have decided not to continue with discussions," said Archer in a statement. The news knocked 3p off Archer's shares to 79p. But they still trade above the 51p they commanded before the talks, despite the company's report last month of an £820,000 pre-tax loss for the year, compared with a restated £1.16 million profit last time.

Mitie cleans up

A TURNROUND at the south eastern cleaning operation of Mitie Group, the building services supplier, helped boost half-time profits. Directors said there were indications that trading would improve in 1994. Pre-tax profits rose 47 per cent to £1.4 million (£943,000) in the six months to September 30, with the interim dividend going up to 2p (1.5p). Earnings per share increased to 7.2p (5.7p). David Telling, chairman, said he expected further significant progress in the second half of the year.

Coal chief attacks £2bn electricity bill

By Our Industrial Correspondent

CONSUMERS will pay an extra £2 billion for electricity over the coming five years to buy power from gas-burning power stations that could have been more economically generated by coal-fired plants, according to Neil Clarke, the chairman of British Coal.

In his most forthright attack yet on the "dash for gas" which is forcing pits to close, Mr Clarke said British Coal could profitably supply an extra 15 million tonnes of coal a year at prices agreed with the generating companies.

Because output from existing nuclear plants and new gas stations is rising, however, the generators' coal order for the year beginning in April is falling to just 30 million tonnes, causing British Coal to close or merge pits.

"We believe that around two thirds of that gas build, costing about £4 billion in capital expenditure, is being constructed well before capacity needs to be replaced," Mr Clarke writes in the current issue of *The House Magazine*, the Parliamentary weekly. He says: "The public as consumers and taxpayers are probably about £2 billion worse off because of the displacement of that coal over the five-year contract period." His words were published as the corporation handed over the first of six pits expected to re-start under licence.

Lep to raise £89m by leasehold sale

By Patricia Tehan

LEP Group, the debt-laden transport and security group, is to raise £89 million from the sale of its long-term leasehold in Swiss Bank House near St Paul's Cathedral. The property was on Lep's books at £76 million at the end of 1992.

The building, which is the UK headquarters of Swiss Bank Corp, was sold by Lep's St Paul's Vista subsidiary.

The underlease on the building expires on September 13, 2013. The present rental income is £8.8 million a year, giving a net lease income of £7.04 million a year. The headlease, with the City of London, is due to expire on December 24, 2137.

Swiss Bank House is currently used to secure £75 million of 7.3 per cent secured loan notes of St Paul's Vista due 1995. The proceeds of the lease sale will be used to provide alternative security and the balance to reduce borrowings. The group's aggregate bank debt stood at £385 million at the annual meeting in July last year.

Before the sale can go ahead it has to be approved by shareholders at the agm in March. It also requires the approval of Lep's group of 31 banks, led by National Westminster. In August 1992 the firm agreed to swap £180 million of its debt to equity. The group now controls 85 per cent of shares.

Honda considers boosting links with Rover



Simpson: led recovery

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

TALKS have begun between British Aerospace and Honda over strengthening links between the Japanese automotive group and BAe's Rover car subsidiary. A Honda executive in Tokyo acknowledged an increase in equity holdings is among the topics. Despite the refusal of officials in both companies to comment upon "speculation" it is clear broad negotiations are under way. These are expected to centre on increasing the amount of assembly work done in Britain by Rover for Honda, so as to cut the latter's production costs.

Honda already owns 20 per cent of Rover, while Rover holds a similar stake in Honda UK, the Honda subsidiary that assembles Honda cars and engines at Swindon. The Rover 200, 400, 600 and 800 models are all based on vehicles jointly developed with Honda. However, Rover's engineering flair and growing commercial success is admired within the Japanese group. Not only was Rover the only significant manufacturer to increase sales in continental Europe last year, but the Land-Rover Discovery model, developed entirely in-house, has been a runaway success worldwide. Honda now sells the vehicle in Japan, carrying a Honda badge.

Rover's extraordinary recovery, planned by Sir Graham Day and engineered by George Simpson, received further international recognition at the end of last year when the company was contracted by Indonesia to design a new car for the country and set up a plant to build it in central Java.

Technological renewal has been accompanied by modernisation of working practices, improved sales, and an accelerating return to profitability. However, like other carmakers worldwide, Rover and Honda face increasing pressure to achieve economies by sharing the cost of core development programmes with other manufacturers. For Honda, which lacks the scale economies of its larger rivals, but shares the problem of high production costs and recession in its home market of Japan, closer collaboration with Rover may be not just desirable, but necessary for survival.

An unnamed Honda executive in Tokyo was quoted by Agence France-Presse as saying: "We are discussing measures to strengthen our business relationships with Rover, including equity holding." He added that no agreement had yet been reached.

Rover's largest assembly plant is at Longbridge, Birmingham, where the company builds its Metro, 200 and 400 models, plus the modern, Rover-designed K-series engine. The company's larger 600 and 800 models are built at Cowley, near Oxford, while Land-Rover has a separate facility for building the Defender, Discovery and Range Rover models at Solihull, south of Birmingham.

Some Honda cars are assembled by Rover at Longbridge, but the Japanese company now has its own Honda car and engine plants at Swindon, Wiltshire.

Whether the companies plan to integrate their United Kingdom manufacturing operations further remains unclear.

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☐ Newspaper Publishing valued at £40 million ☐ Power regulator in a hard place ☐ How to cut through the Goode report

Independent for the time being

☐ MOST takeover transactions are complex but transactions involving the change of ownership of a newspaper tend to be more complex than most and, it has to be said, more fun. Consider the following. Over at City Road, Ian Hay Davison, chairman of Newspaper Publishing, proprietor of the *Independent*, has been waiting, for several weeks, to discover what deal two/three parties of shareholders — La Repubblica/El Pais and deputy chairman Andreas Whittam Smith and colleagues — plan to strike and with whom.

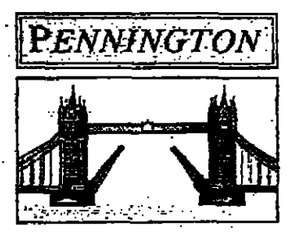
Davison enjoyed a degree of enlightenment yesterday, but only a degree. Whittam Smith, founder editor of *The Independent*, duly confirmed that a consortium has been created around Mirror Group Newspapers to bid for Newspaper Publishing; a transaction which, if successful, would take the Spanish and Italian publishers' stakes from 37.4 per cent to 51 per cent. With MGN taking a 39 per cent interest, Whittam Smith and founder directors Adrian O'Neill and Matthew Symonds would retain a 10 per cent holding. Almost everything Davison needed to know: other than the price. This aspect of the equation, even as you read, is being mulled over by Schroders (*acting for the Europeans and* Whittam Smith). Hambros (MGN) and Warburg (Newspaper Publishing). Such milling would appear something of a nicety because, by all accounts, Davison and his partisan deputy are a great many millions of pounds apart in their thinking.

Newspaper Publishing's board, led by Davison, chief executive Patrick Morrissey (a former managing director of MGN) and former Midland Bank chief Sir Kit McMahon, believe the company is worth a "minimum" £60 million — based on revenues of £80 million — equivalent to £3 per share. By way of contrast the consortium argues that, with Newspaper Publishing heading for an £8 million loss, a £20 million cash injection is urgently required. Deduct this from Davison's camp's perception of value and a £40 million bid would equate to £2 per share.

With Whittam Smith expecting to deliver terms within a matter of days — a routine board meeting is scheduled for Thursday — the onus switches to any would-be counter bidders who are unlikely to take comfort from the fact that the new consortium already speaks for some 47 per cent of Newspaper Publishing's equity. Whittam Smith has left a multitude of brief encounters behind him, embracing Conrad Black's Telegraph stable and Associated Newspapers, publisher of the *Daily Mail*; both of which might still be interested, as might the monopolies commission. All of which leaves Tony O'Reilly, chairman of Dublin-based Independent Newspapers, reputedly sitting in Lyford Cay contemplating the prospect of raising the ante, conceivably with an eye on United Newspapers' UK print facilities.

Power play in the power market

☐ POWER privatisation has not yet worked as planned to keep prices down, but it has operated as might reasonably have been predicted. Lord Marshall of Goring, chairman of the old Central Electricity Generating Board, used to argue that if it was broken up, he would love to be a generator and makes piles of



money. Quite simply, a complex pool market with only three big players tends to produce higher prices than a price-capped monopoly forced to help new competitors, as BT can testify.

For big users that used to have special deals, regulation has made things even worse by forbidding discrimination between customers in order to ensure fairness. Hence, for instance, ICI claims to be paying 70 per cent more for electricity bought at pool-linked prices than before privatisation and is switching off chlorine plants and turning business away when pool prices go too high.

No wonder the talks between the main generators and Stephen Littlechild, their frustrated regulator, passed one deadline without a deal being struck to avoid a reference to the monopolies commission. National Power and PowerGen, which have kept offered capacity short while they wait for nascent competitors to take bigger chunks of their market share, are in a strong position. The Government wants to sell its remaining 40 per cent stakes in them, and its embarrassment over tax has made other revenue sources even more vital. Government does not want a lengthy gas-style investigation that might well call for privatisation prospectuses to be torn up and the legal framework changed. That option was explicitly rejected, on principle, in its White Paper on pit closures.

Professor Littlechild, conscious that the commission might offer little relief in the short term, is understandably anxious to reach a settlement. This would need to involve further substantive concessions from National Power and Powergen to keep pool prices down by offering more capacity consistently and by making it much easier for effectively redundant power stations to be sold to potential competitors.

No one can yet be sure if high pool prices are merely a temporary phenomenon that will fade as more independent, or semi-independent, capacity comes on stream and competition is fully opened between generators and distributors. If Professor Littlechild conceded that the price problem might be permanent, he would be admitting that the basis of privatisation was a terrible mistake.

Speeding up new pensions rules

☐ SOMETIMES vested interests can be a help. The National Association of Pension Funds has been helpfully positive on regulation in the wake of the Maxwell affair and its formal response on the Goode report to the Department of Social Security has the germ of an excellent idea. The NAPF realises that pensions legislation is far from top of the Government's priorities. Tactfully, it does not mention that this may be largely because the Goode committee was not too politically astute and made so many detailed proposals without offering much to inspire the imagination.

Since legislation will take years to be drawn up, passed and put into effect, the NAPF suggests the industry could be getting on with most of the job on its own. If its proposed code of conduct were co-ordinated with legislation, or even helped shape it, it would be much easier to set up the new system under a new regulator, who will not appear until Parliament acts.

A good idea. Even better, though, might be to use the concept of a code of conduct to speed legislation. Instead of Whitehall and Parliament having to grapple with all the detail proposed by Professor Roy Goode, it could tackle something much simpler, based on the principles of the Financial Services Act. This would focus mainly on setting up a regulator, either on the lines of the industry-based Securities and Investments Board or as a full state quango. It would then be the regulator's job to draw up a set of detailed rules, equivalent to a compulsory code of conduct, which would have to be approved by Government before the regulator was given full delegated powers. What a relief for Peter Lilley that would be.

Boeing to cut output as demand for 747s falls

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

BOEING, the world's largest aircraft manufacturer, gave warning that it would make further cuts in commercial aircraft production this year, in the face of a continued fall in demand. It is cutting output of the 747 jumbo jet from five to three a month this year and to two a month in the first quarter of next year.

The company did not receive a single new order for the aircraft last year. By the end of this year, production of the 737 medium-range jet will be down from ten to 8.5 a month. A further 7,000 jobs will go at the company within the next six months, bringing the 18-month total to 18,300. That is, however, 4,000 fewer than expected.

Boeing's announcement of cutbacks accompanied a 20 per cent drop in last year's profits, to $1,244 billion, on sales down 15 per cent, to $25.4 billion. The company says sales will drop again this year, to about $20.5 billion, as deliveries fall by about a quarter, to between 250 and 260 aircraft. By the end of this year, deliveries are expected to have fallen 42 per cent since 1992, when they totalled 441.

Frank Shrontz, Boeing's chairman, said that despite the decline in orders, the company hoped to maintain operating profit margins on commercial aircraft by improving operations. "The company should be well positioned for the next growth cycle in the market," he said.

The company said profits had been hit by lower sales and investment income and by research and development costs, principally for the twin-engined 777 airliner. These were offset by improved defence and space earnings. Test flights of the 777, the world's largest twin-engined aircraft, with a capacity to carry up to 440 passengers, are due to begin in the summer.

British Airways has placed a $3.6 billion order for 15 aircraft, with an option for a further 15. Boeing has received orders and options for 255 jets, from 16 customers. Last year, the company announced a $1 billion development programme for the 737, to fight off competition in the short-haul market from Airbus Industrie, the European consortium that includes British Aerospace.

Boeing says the 737 will represent 40 per cent of its commercial jet sales over the next 15 years. Its shares eased 25 cents yesterday, to $45.



No orders for the 747 jumbo jet were received last year

Buoyant toy shops lift John Menzies

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

A STRONG performance from its Early Learning Centre chain of specialist children's toy shops helped boost interim profits at John Menzies by 66 per cent.

Pre-tax profits rose from £3.8 million to £6.3 million for the six months to October 30 on turnover up 6 per cent to £573.1 million (£539.3 million). The interim dividend is raised from 3.8p to 4.1p, an increase of 8 per cent.

Ranald Noel-Paton, the group managing director, said that the Early Learning Centres chain of 177 stores now had "an established position in the market" and would be expanded.

Successful trials of two larger stores, selling children's clothing and nursery goods as well as toys and books, will be gradually rolled out, and Mr Noel-Paton said he envisaged a chain of about 60 to 70 larger outlets within the next few years. Sales growth of about 3 per cent at the John Menzies chain of 276 newsagents was more pedestrian.

The group is testing a new store format in four outlets, which includes a revised layout, design and pricing policy, as part of a restructuring of the chain.

Mr. Noel-Paton said that sales densities in the pilot stores had increased by about 20 per cent.

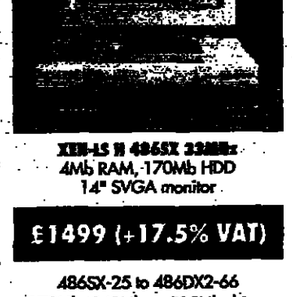
"We feel that we have found a format that will work across the chain," he said.

The distribution operations performed well, he said, with growing demand in weekly and monthly titles offsetting the gradual decline in newspaper sales.

The retail operations had a buoyant Christmas, with like-for-like sales 6.5 per cent up on last year.

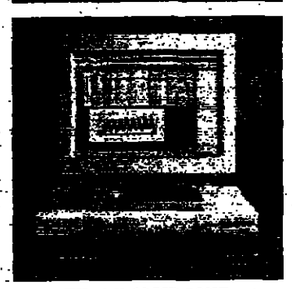
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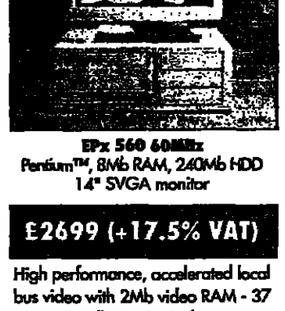
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Bank shares boosted by dividend hopes

SHARES in **Barclays Bank** benefited from a big profits upgrading from a leading securities house with the price leaping 14p to 635p in a falling market as almost 10 million shares changed hands.

Warburg Securities has raised its pre-tax profit forecast for the current year from £1.24 billion to £1.68 billion. Its previous estimate was said to have lagged those of other brokers. But Warburg made its move after taking into account the better economic outlook and benefits of rationalisation and cost reduction.

The rest of the sector also benefited before the forthcoming dividend season with gains for **Abbey National**, 3p to 511p, **Bank of Scotland**, 8½p to 246½p, **Lloyds Bank**, 8p to 656p, **National Westminster**, 6p to 611p, **Royal Bank of Scotland**, 3p to 469p, and **TSB**, 1p to 289p.

Elsewhere, share prices went into free-fall after a futures-related sell-off. News of a near-1,000 point fall overnight in Tokyo combined with growing worries that the imminent increase in taxation will stifle the British recovery.

But there was little selling pressure and prices later rallied, helped by an opening rise on Wall Street. The FT-SE 100 index, down almost 22 points earlier, eventually closed 2.8 easier at 3,481.4.

Renewed buying lifted **Rank Organisation** 15p to £10.89 before some bullish trading news expected from Xerox Corporation next week. **Racal Electronics** shares were also a firm market on

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speculative buying with the price climbing 6p to 219p.

The insurance sector received an unexpected boost from across the Channel at the shareholders' meeting of Union des Assurances de Paris, the French insurance group, which is being privatised later this year. Jacques Friedmann, the chairman, said the group intended to raise its exposure in this country, fuelling speculation it may be seeking an acquisition. **Commercial Union** jumped 13p to 709p, **General Accident**, 10p to 738p, **Guardian Royal Exchange**, 2p to 239p, **Royal Insurance**, 12p to 341p, and **Sun Alliance**, 14p to 404p. The drinks sector suffered an early markdown after some cautious comments from James Capel, the broker. There was also talk of a beer-price war. **Bass** slid 6p to 590p, **Greenalls**, 3p to 483p, **Greene King**, 4p to 565p, **Allied-Lyons**, 4p to 659p, **Grand Metropolitan**, 6p to 480p. US buying lifted **Guinness** 21p to 539p after the sale of its 24 per cent stake in LVMH Moët Hennessey Louis Vuitton and the purchase of a stake in its wines and spirits division.

Kingfisher ended 5p cheaper at 661p as Smith New Court, the broker, remained a seller after last week's disappointing trading statement.

Molynx Holdings dropped 10½p to 25p on learning that **Silvermines**, the traffic controls group, headed by Bob Morton, may only offer terms valuing the company at 25p a share. Molynx gave warning that final 1993 figures are expected to result in a big loss. Silvermines' shares were off 1p at 48p.

Huntingdon International fell 34p to 114p after a warning that pre-tax profits for the full year would fall short of expectations after a sharp drop in the first quarter.

British Aerospace climbed 16p to 444p on reports that Honda, the Japanese car maker, wants to take a bigger slice of its Rover car operation.

Rolls-Royce advanced 8p to 185p. Brokers are becoming increasingly excited about prospects for its Trent 800 engine which yesterday received a certificate for airworthiness. Its first flight on an Airbus 330 is expected shortly.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** The March series of the Long Gilt recovered from an early fall to end £5/32 better at £119 5/32 with 43,000 contracts completed. In longs, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 rose £⅛ to £127 5/16, while in shorts, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was £1/32 better at £115 21/32.

☐ **NEW YORK:** After an early dip on profit-taking, US blue chips stepped into positive territory at midday while the market's breadth remained negative. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 11.53 points to 3,926.01 *(Reuter)*

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Taxing question on horizon of world recovery

While the Conservatives worry, the CBI celebrates. Has somebody missed the point? Tory backbenchers seem only now to have woken up to the idea that the Budget, which they applauded so loudly, does mean higher taxes, paid by ordinary voters. Industry, however, seems to share the Chancellor's confidence that this will cause only a hiccup in the quite robust recovery they now feel in their bones.

Industry does not always get these things right; it joined in the earlier false dawns that have marked the Major era. But its feelings do matter; CBI surveys test the animal spirits that Keynes saw as the real engine of growth. British industry, with its strong American links, is no doubt also impressed with the acceleration of recovery there. US growth may have reached a 6 per cent annual rate in the last quarter. Confidence is still rising and will surely shrug off fairly modest Clinton tax increases.

The CBI's confidence also suggests that the widely disbelieved trade figures may mean what they say, after all. Low wage settlements and continued efficiency gains have protected competitiveness despite sterling's rise against the Europeans (though not, be it noted, against the dollar). Export growth is flattening, though still positive; but the real surprise has been on the import side. For once, a consumer revival has not lived up to the cliché and sucked in imports; British industry may at last be competitive in its own home market, and high time too.

The good news is good, then, and it behoves this rather gloomy column to admit it; but there are limits. There remain too many reasons to doubt that we are about to repeat America's experience. First, we are a year or more behind. Second, total employment is still falling here, though much more slowly than before, while America is creating about 180,000 jobs each month. Third, real UK interest rates have not been low for long, and are still much higher than they have been for two years in America. Fourth, our prospective tax increase is much higher.

What may prove most important, though, is the world background. The American fiscal correction started, though modestly, under President Bush; at that time, many other countries were either reflating like Japan or sliding into ever higher public deficit, like the UK and Italy. This meant that any deflation in America was largely offset by rising net exports, as balance of payments deficits elsewhere mirrored the public finances. By now, however, fiscal hair-shirts are the international fashion. Japan, which ought to move the other way, seems politically paralysed.

Co-ordinated moves of this kind always have a much stronger effect than solo efforts do, because there are no external offsets. We learned this on the upside in the early 1970s, when a co-ordinated stimulus caused a worldwide inflationary boom. A decade ago we repeated the experiment on the downside: an agreed move against inflation threw the world into deep recession. The lesson never seems to be learnt. National Treasuries continue to plan their moves as if they ran closed economies. International agreement, or even just fashionable consensus, seems to inspire greater vigour, rather than the greater caution which these experiences ought to inspire.

International monetary disarmament might still, possibly, offset the fiscal squeeze; the latest fall in German inflation suggests that in Europe, at least, there is plenty of room for further progress. The question mark here concerns the US Fed. Some of its Governors are becoming vocally worried about rising inflationary pressures there.

Even if they were not, the Fed might be wise to push short rates up modestly, perhaps as early as next month, if only to keep the bond market happy. And that poses the $64 question. If world security markets shrug this off, then confidence can go on rising; but if the first rise in US rates is read as a signal that the long bond-driven bull market is over, the animal spirits would take a nasty knock.

Unlisted firms seize chance for funding

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

THE market for new issues, which made a strong comeback in 1993, has made a strong start to the current year as unlisted companies continue to take advantage of the strong stock market to raise funds.

Midland Independent Newspapers, publisher of newspapers, magazines and guides, including *The Birmingham Post*, *Coventry Evening Telegraph*, and *the Sunday Mercury*, hopes to raise £100 million by a placing and public offer of shares before a March stock exchange quotation.

The group says it has a total weekly readership of 3 million, and that operating profits (before exceptionals and helped by acquisitions) were £15.9 million (£13.5 million) in the year ended December 31 from a turnover of £79.6 million (£66.6 million).

Chris Oakley, chief executive, says the current year has started strongly and that encouraging trends are becoming established in important advertising categories. MIN is expected to have a market capitalisation of £150 million.

CODA Group, the financial accounting software company that hopes to raise £25 million in its flotation, said yesterday the money would be used for



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geographic expansion and the development of new products.

It was active already in 15 countries, said the group in its pathfinder prospectus, and was well positioned to exploit the emerging open systems market. CODA also reiterated that its strong profits record was underpinned by substantial recurring maintenance revenue. Listing particulars of the group relating to the placing will be available on February 3. Dealings will begin on February 9.

Wainhomes, the private sector housebuilder, is to go public in March with a value of around £90 million. The flotation will be by an institutional placing and an offer for sale, and is being sponsored by Charterhouse Bank. NatWest Wood Mackenzie is broker to the issue.

Wainhomes made profits of £6.4 million on sales of £56.8 million in the year to March 31, 1993, during which time it sold 780 homes. Gavin Reed, vice-chairman of Scottish & Newcastle, the brewer, will become non-executive chairman from January 31.

Computerised Financial Solutions, the computer software supplier, is going public via a placing of shares, at 90p, with institutional investors, valuing it at £4.23 million. Dealings should begin on February 3. About £1.2 million is being raised, which will go towards software development and providing extra working capital.

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MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ .... 1.4960 (+0.0012)
German mark .... 2.6180 (+0.0063)
Exchange index .... 82.8 (+0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .... 3481.4 (-2.8)
Dow Jones .... 3926.01 (+11.53)*
Nikkei Avg .... 18353.24 (-954.19)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 5½%
3-month Interbank 5 7/16-5⅜%
US Federal Funds 2 15/16%*
3-month Treas Bills 2.94-2.92%*
Long Bond 6.27%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4945*	£:$	1.4941
$:DM	1.7506*	£:DM	2.6177
$:SWfr	1.4645*	£:SWfr	2.1892
$:Ffr	5.9400*	£:Ffr	8.8720
$:Yen	111.80*	£:Yen	167.12
£:SDR	1.0884	£:ECU	1.3465

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 381.50 .... PM 378.80
Close 380.80-381.30
New York:
Comex 380.25-380.75*

OIL

Brent Crude .... $13.95 per bbl (Mar)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 141.9 Dec (1.9%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.26	2.06
Austria Sch	19.32	17.82
Belgium Fr	57.46	53.06
Canada $	2.068	1.908
Cyprus Cyp£	0.812	0.762
Denmark Kr	10.74	9.94
Finland Mkk	9.12	8.32
France Fr	9.31	8.61
Germany Dm	2.76	2.55
Greece Dr	395.50	370.50
Hong Kong $	12.19	11.19
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2639.00	2484.00
Japan Yen	182.00	165.00
Malta	0.630	0.575
Netherlds Gld	3.073	2.843
Norway Kr	11.81	11.01
Portugal Esc	274.00	255.50
S Africa Rd	5.85	4.95
Spain Pta	220.50	206.50
Sweden Kr	12.57	11.77
Switzerland Fr	2.33	2.15
Turkey Lira	24290.0	22790.0
USA $	1.591	1.461

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		FALLS:	
Barclays	635p (+14p)	HSBC	978p (-12p)
Guinness	539p (+21p)	Jardine Math	672½p (-16p)
Bett Bros	150p (+23p)	A Kershaw	765p (-25p)
Inchcape	601p (+12p)	Sappi	466¼p (-10¼p)
Mitie Group	337p (+14p)	J Waddington	280p (-15p)
Proudfoot Alex	88p (+12p)	Zeneca	808p (-10p)
ICI	789p (+13p)	Kwik Save	634p (-12p)
UK Land	47p (+15p)	Takeda Chem	721¼p (-36p)
J Menzies	654p (+30p)	Refuge	380p (-10p)
Mitel	477p (+10p)	Lloyds Abbey	446p (-11p)
S&U	385p (+17p)		
SJP Capital	165p (+15p)		

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RECENT ISSUES

Baring Emrg Euro	77¼	...
Baring Ermg Eur Wts	47½	...
Fairbairn Euro Smlr (100)	98	...
Finsbury U/writing Inv	113	...
For & Col Smaller (100)	117½	...
Friends Prov Ethical (60)	60	...
Friends Prov Uts (120)	126	...
Friends Prov Zero Pf (60)	62	-½
Pantheon Wts	83	...
Pilot Inv C (100)	113	...
Rackwood (40)	45	...
Rossmont (10)	11½	...
Securitsd End Cont (60)	77	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Anglo Irish n/p (48)	19	...
Cementone n/p (73)	15	...
Crest Nicholson n/p (88)	15	-1
Europe Energy n/p (5)	6	...
Halkin n/p (68)	1½	...
Ramus n/p (25)	1¼	...

WALL STREET

	Jan 24 midday	Jan 21 close
AMP Inc	64¼	64¼
AMR Corp	70⅞	69⅞
Abbott Labs	28⅞	28⅝
Aetna Life	58⅝	59⅝
Ahmanson (HF)	18⅛	18⅜
Air Prod & Chem	48⅞	48⅝
Albertson's	28½	28¾
Alcan Aluminum	22⅝	22⅝
Alco Standard	36⅞	37⅞
Allied Signal	79⅝	79
Alum Co of Am	75	74⅞
Amax Gold Inc	7	6⅞
Amerada Hess	45⅞	45⅞
Amer Brands	34⅛	34
Amer Cyanamid	50⅛	50⅛
Amer El Power	35⅞	35⅞
Amer Express	30⅞	30⅞
Amer Genl Corp	29	29⅛
Amer Home Pr	64⅛	64⅜
Amer Intl	90⅜	90
Amer Stores	42⅝	42⅝
Amer T & T	55⅞	56
Ameritech	38⅞	77⅛
Amoco	54	54⅞
Anheuser-Busch	48⅞	48⅝
Apple Computer	34⅞	33⅞
Archer Daniels	26	26⅛
Arkla	8⅛	8⅛
Armco	6⅞	6⅞
Armstrng Wrld	56⅛	55⅞
Asarco	23⅞	23⅞
Ashland Oil	37⅞	37⅞
Atl Richfield	107	106⅞
Auto Data Pro	53⅞	52⅞
Avery Dennison	28⅞	28⅞
Avon Products	53⅞	54
Baker Hughes	21½	21⅛
Baltim Gas & El	24	24⅞
Banc One	36⅛	35⅞
BankAmerica	44⅞	45⅞
Bank of NY	54⅞	55⅞
Bankers Tr NY	79⅞	79⅞
Barnett Banks	40⅞	40⅞
Bausch & Lomb	49⅞	49⅞
Baxter Intl	23⅞	23⅞
Becton Dickinsn	34⅞	35⅞
Bell Atlantic	56⅞	57⅞
BellSouth	57⅞	56⅞
Black & Decker	21⅛	21⅛
Block (H&R)	44⅛	44⅞
Boeing	44⅞	45⅞
Boise Cascade	25⅞	25⅞
Borden Inc	14⅞	14⅞
Bristol Myrs Sq	58⅞	58⅞
Browning Ferris	28⅞	29⅞
Brunswick	19⅞	19⅞
Burlington Nthn	63⅞	62
CBS	294⅞	288
CNA Financial	78	78⅞
CPC Intl	48⅞	47
CSX	88⅞	87⅞
Campbell Soup	38⅞	39
Can Pacific	17⅞	17⅞
Cpd Cities ABC	663⅞	663⅞
Cpl Holdings	35⅞	35⅞
Carolina Pwr	28	28
Caterpillar	100⅞	98⅞
Central & SW	28⅞	29
Champion Intl	32⅞	32⅞
Chase Manhat	35⅞	35⅞
Chemical Bk	38	37⅞
Chevron Corp	91⅞	91⅞
Chrysler	60⅞	60⅞
Chubb Corp	81⅞	81⅞
Cigna Corp	68⅞	68⅞
Citicorp	40⅞	39⅞
Clorox	50⅞	52⅞
Coastal Corp	35⅞	31
Coca Cola	40⅞	41⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	60	60⅞
Columbia Gas	24⅞	25⅞
Commonw Ed	27⅞	27⅞
Compaq Comp	84⅞	82⅞
Comp Ass Intl	39⅞	38
Conagra	26⅞	26⅞
Cons Edison	29⅞	29⅞
Cons Nat Gas	45	45⅞
Cons Rail	68⅞	66⅞
Cooper Inds	51⅞	51⅞
Corning Inc	30⅞	31⅞
Crown Cork	38⅞	38⅞
Dana Corp	58	58⅞
Dayton Hudson	68	67⅞
Deere	79⅞	78⅞
Delta Air Lines	55⅞	55
Deluxe Corp	37⅞	37⅞
Detroit Edison	28⅞	28⅞
Digital Equip	30⅞	31⅞
Dillard Dept St	37⅞	34⅞
Disney (Walt)	47⅞	47⅞
Dominion Res	42⅞	43
Donelley (RR)	30⅞	31⅞
Dover Corp	60⅞	60⅞
Dow Chemical	62⅞	62⅞
Dow Jones	39	38⅞
Dresser	22⅞	22⅞
Duke Power	40⅞	41⅞
Dun & Bradstreet	62⅞	63⅞
Du Pont	54⅞	54⅞
Eastman Kodak	42⅞	42⅞
Eaton Corp	57⅛	57⅛
Emerson Elec	62⅞	62⅞
Engelhard Corp	25⅞	25⅞
Enron Corp	31⅛	31⅛
Ethyl Corp	18⅛	18⅞
Exxon	66⅛	66⅞
FMC Corp	50⅞	49⅞
FPL Group	36	36⅛
Federal Express	74⅞	76⅛
Fed Nat Mtge	85⅞	84⅛
First Chicago	44⅛	44⅛
First Interstate	67	67
First Union Rlty	10⅛	10⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	33⅞	33⅞
Fluor Corp	43⅞	43⅞
Ford Motor	67	67⅞
GTE Corp	34⅛	34⅞
Gannett	57	57⅞
Gap Inc Del	40⅞	40⅞
Gen Dynamics	91	92⅞
Gen Electric	108⅛	108⅞
Gen Mills	59⅞	59⅞
Gen Motors	61	60⅞
Gen Reinsurance	108⅛	108⅞
Gen Signal	37⅞	37⅞
Genuine Parts	38⅞	38⅞
Georgia Pac	74⅞	74
Gillette	60⅞	60
Glaxo ADR	19⅞	19⅞
Goodrich (BF)	41	41⅛
Goodyear Tire	46	47⅞
Grace (W&R)	43⅞	43⅞
Gt Atl Pac Tea	23⅞	24
Great West Fin	18⅞	18⅞
Halliburton	33⅞	33⅞
Harcourt General	34⅞	34⅛
Heinz (HJ)	34⅞	34⅞
Hercules	108⅞	109⅞
Hershey Foods	48⅞	48⅞
Hewlett Packard	84⅞	84⅞
Hilton Hotels	65⅞	64⅞
Home Depot	37⅞	37⅞
Homestake Mng	22⅞	22⅞
Honeywell	32	32⅞
Household Intl	32⅞	32⅞
Houston Inds	44⅞	44⅞
Humana	19⅞	19⅞
ITT Corp	97⅞	96
Illinois Tool	43⅞	43
INCO	26⅞	26⅞
Ingersoll Rand	39⅞	38⅞
Inland Steel	36⅞	36
Intel Corp	64⅞	65⅞
IBM	57⅞	55⅞
Intl Flav & Fr	38⅞	38⅞
Intl Paper	74⅞	74⅞
James River Va	19⅞	19⅞
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	41⅞	42
K Mart	19⅞	19⅞
Kellogg	55⅞	55⅞
Kerr-McGee	46⅞	46⅞
Kimberly-Clark	55⅞	55⅞
Knight-Ridder	57⅞	56⅞
Lilly (Eli)	60	60⅞
Limited Inc	18	18
LIN Brdcstng	112⅞	111
Lincoln Nat	41⅞	41⅞
Litton	70⅞	70⅞
Liz Claiborne	21⅞	21⅞
Lockheed Corp	63⅞	67⅞
Louisiana Pac	43⅞	43⅞
MCI Commun	27⅞	27⅞
Marriott Int	28⅞	28⅞
Marsh & McLnn	80⅞	81⅞
Masco Corp	37⅞	36⅞
May Dept St	38⅞	38⅞
Maytag Corp	18⅞	18⅞
McCaw Cellular	53⅞	53
McDonalds	58⅞	58⅞
McDonnell D	112⅞	112⅞
McGraw Hill	68	67⅞
Mead Corp	47⅞	47⅞
Medtronic	80⅞	80⅞
Mellon Bk	54⅞	53⅞
Melville Corp	39⅞	39⅞
Merck Inc	34⅞	35⅞
Merrill Lynch	41⅞	41
Minnesota Mine	111⅞	112⅞
Mobil Corp	80⅞	80⅞
Monsanto	77⅞	77⅞
Morgan (JP)	69⅞	70
Motorola Inc	102⅞	101⅞
Natl Medical	15⅞	15⅞
Natl Semi	18⅞	18⅞
Natl Service Ind	26⅞	26⅞
Navistar Intl	28	25⅞
NBD Bancorp	29⅞	29⅞
NY Times A	27⅞	28⅞
Newmont Mng	54⅞	55⅞
Niag Mohawk	19⅞	19⅞
Nike B	51⅞	51⅞
NL Industries	7	6⅞
Nordstrom	32⅞	33
Norfolk Sthrn	74⅞	73⅞
Nthn State Pwr	42⅞	42⅞
Norwest Corp	25⅞	25⅞
Nynex Corp	39⅞	39⅞
Occidental Pet	18⅞	18⅞
Ohio Edison	21⅞	21⅞
Oracle Systems	33⅞	33⅞
Oryx Energy Co	17⅛	17⅛
Owens Corning	41⅞	41¼
PNC Financial	28⅞	28⅞
PPG Industries	76⅞	76⅞
Paccar Inc	60	60
Pacificorp	18⅞	18⅞
Pac Enterprises	23⅞	23⅞
Pac Gas & Elect	32⅞	32⅞
Pac Telesis	56⅞	57⅞
Pall Corp	19⅞	20
Panhandle East	23⅞	23⅞
Paramnt Comm	80	80
Parker Hannifin	37⅞	37⅞
Penney (JC)	51⅛	51⅞
Pennzoil	53⅞	53⅞
Pepsico	39⅞	40
Pfizer	62⅞	63⅞
Phelps Dodge	52⅞	51¼
Philadel Elec	29⅞	29⅞
Philip Morris	57⅞	57⅞
Phillips Pet	29⅞	29⅞
Pitney Bowes	42⅞	42⅞
Polaroid	35⅞	35⅛
PriceCostco	18⅞	18⅞
Procter & Gmbl	59⅞	59⅞
Pub Serv E & G	30⅞	30⅞
Quaker Oats	64⅞	64⅞
Ralston Purina	37⅞	37⅞
Raychem Corp	35⅞	35⅞
Raytheon	67⅞	66⅞
Reebok Intl	32⅞	32⅞
Reynolds Metals	48⅞	47⅞
Roadway Srvcs	63⅞	65⅞
Rockwell Intl	39⅞	39⅞
Rohm & Haas	57⅞	57⅞
Royal Dutch	108⅞	108⅞
Rubbermaid	31⅛	30⅞
Safeco Corp	56	55⅞
St Paul's Cos	86⅞	88⅞
Salomon Inc	45⅞	45⅞
Santa Fe Pac	24⅞	24⅞
Sara Lee Corp	23⅞	23⅞
Seacorp	19⅞	19⅞
Schering Plough	62⅞	63⅞
Schlumberger	59	59⅞
Scott Paper	43	43
Seagram	29⅞	29⅞
Sears Roebuck	53	52⅞
Shell Trans	66	66⅞
Sherwin Wilms	34⅞	35
Skyline Corp	22⅞	22⅞
Snap-On-Tools	41⅞	41⅛
Southern Co	42⅞	43⅞
Sthwestern Bell	39⅞	40
Sprint Corp	36	36⅞
Stanley Works	42⅞	42⅞
Sun Company	31⅛	32
Sun Microsys	26⅞	26
Sunrust	45⅞	45⅞
Supervalu	39⅞	39⅞
Syntex Corp	15⅞	15⅞
Sysco Corp	27⅞	27
TRW Inc	74⅞	73⅞
Tandem Comp	13⅞	13⅞
Tandy Corp	44	43⅞
Telecom Corp	3⅞	3⅞
Teledyne	25⅞	25⅞
Temple Inland	52	52⅞
Tenneco	55⅞	55⅞
Texaco	60⅞	65⅞
Texas Inst	73⅞	73
Texas Utilities	39	39
Textron	58⅞	58⅞
Time Warner	41⅛	40⅞
Times-Mirror	36	35⅞
Timken	34⅞	34⅞
Torchmark	46	46
Toys R Us	36⅞	37⅞
Transamerica	55⅞	55⅞
Travelers	39⅞	39⅞
Tribune	59⅞	59⅞
Tyco Labs	50	50⅞
UAL Corp	144⅞	142⅞
UST Inc	28⅞	28⅞
USX Marathon	17⅞	16⅞
Unilever NV	115⅞	115⅞
Union Camp	49	48⅞
Union Carbide	24⅞	24⅞
Union Pacific	62⅞	62
Unisys Corp	13⅞	12⅞
USAir Group	14⅞	14⅞
USF&G Corp	13⅞	14
US Life	38⅞	38⅞
US West	43⅞	43⅞
United Tech	65	65⅞
Unocal Corp	28⅞	28⅞
Upjohn	29⅞	30
VF Corp	47⅞	46⅞
WMX Tech	30	29⅞
Wal-Mart Stores	25⅞	25⅞
Warner-Lambert	63⅞	63⅞
Wells Fargo	133	131⅛
Westinghouse El	14⅞	13⅞
Weyerhaeuser	49	48⅞
Whirlpool	66⅞	65⅞
Whitman	16	16⅞
Winn Dixie	49⅞	49⅞
Woolworth	25⅞	25⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44⅞	45
Xerox	91⅞	92⅞

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	10,000	Cadbury	1,200	MEPC	133	Scot Power	411
Abbey Natl	1,800	Caradon	1,300	Marks Spr	4,000	Sears	3,600
Alld-Lyons	1,500	Carlton Cms	596	NFC	234	Svrn Trent	1,100
Anglian W	1,300	Coats Vyla	469	NatWst Bk	2,200	Shell Trans	5,200
Argyll Gp	4,000	Cm Union	861	Nat Power	1,800	Siebe	1,700
Arjo Wiggn	338	Courtaulds	605	Nth Wst W	1,100	SmKl Bch	2,800
ABrit Foods	424	Enterpr Oil	843	Nthrn Fds	1,100	Smith Nph	1,600
BAA	279	Forte	1,200	P & O	1,700	Southern Elec	656
BAT Inds	3,100	GRE	1,000	Pearson	1,800	Std Chartd	193
BOC	1,100	GUS	1,000	PowerGen	333	Sun Allnce	2,700
BP	9,500	Gen Acc	828	Prudential	6,700	TI Gp	487
BTR	3,500	Gen Elec	6,100	RMC	195	TSB	7,200
BT	5,400	Glaxo	3,100	RTZ	1,400	Tesco	7,600
Bk of Scot	3,500	Granada	1,600	Rank Org	1,000	Thames W	1,400
Barclays	9,200	Grand Met	3,200	Reckitt Col	113	Thrn EMI	570
Bass	1,200	Guinness	7,000	Redland	2,900	Tomkins	3,500
Blue Circle	2,300	HSBC	2,100	Reed Intl	1,200	Unilever	1,200
Boots	1,800	Hanson	7,000	Rentokil	448	Utd Bisc	585
Bowater	900	ICI	983	Reuters	763	Vodafone	836
Brit Aero	3,200	Inchcape	2,300	Rolls Royce	20,000	Warburg (SG)	627
Brit Airwys	4,300	Kingfisher	2,900	Ryl Ins	3,900	Wellcome	1,000
Brit Gas	5,000	Ladbroke	2,700	Ryl Bk Scot	2,400	Whitbread 'A'	592
Brit Steel	34,000	Land Secs	781	Sainsbury	1,800	Wllms Hld	4,300
Burmah Cast	131	Legal & Gn	1,200	Schroders	75	Wolseley	127
Cable Wire	2,900	Lloyds Bk	3,500	Scot & New	423	Zeneca	1,800

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3926.01 (+11.53)
S&P Composite .... 474.43 (-0.29)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 18353.24 (-954.19)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 11600.09 (+140.72)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 429.75 (+1.23)

Sydney: AO .... 2224.5 (-25.8)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2080.01 (+4.40)

FT 30 share: .... 2671.4 (+2.9)

Brussels:
General .... 7655.97 (-29.52)

Paris: CAC-40 .... 2274.49 (+30.52)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 723.20 (-3.20)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1742.88 (-0.77)
FT Non Financials .... 1850.73 (-2.15)
FT Gold Mines .... 224.1 (-6.6)
FT Fixed Interest .... 133.68 (-0.19)
FT Govt Secs .... 107.04 (+0.04)
Bargains 41204
SEAQ Volume 900.2m
USM (Datastrm) .... 164.85 (+0.10)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
January 24	February 4	April 21	May 3

Calls on 24/1/94: BTR Wts 94/95, Bardon, Caird, Carlisle, Caverdale, Dawson, Emess, Filofax, Hanson Wts, HK Wts, Lincoln Hse, Lucas Wts, Marling Ind, Medeva, Microvitec, Mid-States, Monument Oil & Gas, Royal Bank of Scot, Sutcliffe, Speakman, Tuskar Res. Puts: HK Wts, J Smurfitt. Puts & Calls: Spring Ram, Standard Chart, TSB, Wilson.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 94	3490.0	3504.0	3463.0	3489.0	16412
Previous open interest: 76659	Jun 94	3495.0	3500.0	3488.0	3504.5	3302
Three Month Sterling	Mar 94	94.70	94.72	94.68	94.69	10020
Previous open interest: 427591	Jun 94	94.89	94.92	94.89	94.90	13295
	Sep 94	94.93	94.95	94.91	94.93	4673
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 94	96.64	96.64	96.63	96.65	301
Previous open interest: 10211	Jun 94	96.35	96.35	96.35	96.36	100
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 94	94.33	94.39	94.32	94.39	31947
Previous open interest: 874856	Jun 94	94.76	94.83	94.73	94.82	43358
Long Gilt	Mar 94	119-19	119-27	119-14	119-25	47135
Previous open interest: 102999	Jun 94	119-05	119-05	119-05	119-05	14
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 94	115.90	115.93	115.68	1217	
	Jun 94	114.68	114.68	114.68	15	
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 94	100.01	100.18	99.77	100.13	164854
Previous open interest: 171220	Jun 94	99.95	100.11	99.86	100.10	883
German Gov Bd Bobl	Mar 94	102.80	102.93	102.69	102.89	241
Previous open interest: 10089	Jun 94					0
Three month ECU	Mar 94	93.90	93.98	93.87	93.96	2289
Previous open interest: 36500	Jun 94	94.41	94.47	94.41	94.47	879
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 94	96.19	96.22	96.16	96.21	3923
Previous open interest: 58206	Jun 94	96.43	96.49	96.43	96.49	812
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 94	118.09	118.96	117.97	118.93	47229
Previous open interest: 92762	Jun 94	118.42	119.09	118.28	119.14	453

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 82.8 (day's range 82.6-82.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Jan 24	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.9289-2.9368	2.9289-2.9325	¼pr-¼ds	¼pr-par
Brussels	54.39-54.55	54.41-54.51	7-12ds	20-26ds
Copenhagen	10.1430-10.1780	10.1430-10.1590	¾-1⅝ds	1-2⅞ds
Dublin	1.0430-1.0470	1.0436-1.0466	4-8ds	14-19ds
Frankfurt	2.6144-2.6217	2.6160-2.6193	⅛-¼ds	¼-⅜ds
Lisbon	262.87-264.04	262.87-263.50	108-117ds	322-341ds
Madrid	213.29-214.27	213.33-213.63	65-81ds	170-187ds
Milan	2543.50-2554.20	2545.90-2550.00	6-8ds	18-20ds
Montreal	1.9557-1.9613	1.9570-1.9599	0.33-0.28pr	0.60-0.52pr
New York	1.4920-1.4962	1.4936-1.4946	0.33-0.31pr	0.83-0.81pr
Oslo	11.2310-11.2670	11.2310-11.2470	1pr-par	1⅞-1⅛pr
Paris	8.8650-8.8980	8.8650-8.8790	¾-1⅜ds	2-2⅝ds
Stockholm	12.0080-12.0720	12.0290-12.0530	1⅞-3⅞ds	4⅞-6⅞ds
Tokyo	166.98-167.47	166.98-167.25	⅞-⅞pr	1½-1¼pr
Vienna	18.37-18.44	18.38-18.42	⅞-⅞ds	1¼-⅞pr
Zurich	2.1876-2.1960	2.1876-2.1907	⅞-⅞pr	⅞-⅞pr

Source: Extel. Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4929-1.4954
Australia dollar	2.1216-2.1262
Bahrain dinar	0.5565-0.5685
Brazil cruzeiro*	618.18-619.80
Cyprus pound	0.769-0.779
Finland marka	8.407-8.523
Greece drachma	371.0-378.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.5358-11.5451
India rupee	46.37-47.33
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4405-0.4505
Malaysia ringgit	4.1228-4.1302
Mexico peso	4.56-4.66
New Zealand dollar	2.6415-2.6481
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5345-5.6605
Singapore dollar	2.3997-2.4029
S Africa rand (fin)	6.5925-6.6418
S Africa rand (com)	5.1125-5.1205
U A E dirham	5.418-5.542

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4204-1.4224
Austria	12.32-12.33
Belgium (Com)	36.40-36.44
Canada	1.3097-1.3107
Denmark	6.801-6.806
France	5.9422-5.9472
Germany	1.7516-1.7526
Hong Kong	7.7225-7.7235
Ireland	1.427-1.430
Italy	1706.6-1708.1
Japan	111.83-111.93
Malaysia	2.760-2.763
Netherlands	1.963-1.964
Norway	7.5328-7.5378
Portugal	176.35-176.65
Singapore	1.6065-1.6075
Spain	142.79-142.89
Sweden	8.0553-8.0653
Switzerland	1.4662-1.4672

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5½ Finance Hse 5½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 10 Low 5½ Week fixed: 5⅛
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth 5. Sell: 2 mth 5; 3 mth: 4⅞.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5-4 15/16	
Sterling Money Rates	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	
Interbank	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛

Overnight: open 5⅛, close 10.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps	5⅛	n/a	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛
Sterling CDs	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛
Dollar CDs	3.04-3.01	n/a	3.10-3.07	3.26-3.23	3.60-3.57
Building Society CDs	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Dec 31, 1993. Agreed rates Jan 26, 1994 to Feb 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.65%. Reference rate Dec 1, 1993 to Dec 31, 1993. Scheme IV & V: 5.375%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	3-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅜-3¼	3¼-2⅞
Deutschemark	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞
French Franc	6⅞-6⅞	6⅞-6⅞	6⅞-6⅞	6⅞-6	7⅛-6⅞
Swiss Franc	4⅛-4	4⅛-4	4⅛-3⅞	3⅞-3⅞	4⅛-3⅞
Yen	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2	2-1⅞	2⅛-1⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Bowmaker)

Bullion: Open $380.80-381.20 Close: $380.80-381.30 High: $381.20-381.70 Low: $377.20-377.70 Krugerrand: $379.75-382.75 (£253.75-255.75)
Sovereigns: Old $88.00-91.00 (£59.00-61.00) New $88.00-91.00 (£59.00-61.00)
Platinum: $378.50 (£253.20) Silver: $5.09 (£3.405) Palladium: $123.50 (£82.60)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Lyon	650	11½	36½	48	3½	23	39
(*657½)	700	1	15	25½	45	52½	69½
Argyll	280	7½	23	29	2	14	22½
(*285½)	300	1	13	19½	16½	25½	34½
ASDA	60	4	8½	11½	1	4	6
(*64)	70	1	4½	7	7½	9½	12
Boots	550	14½	34	46½	2	17½	29½
(*561)	600	1	12	23½	41½	47½	59
Br Airways	460	22	40	50½	1	16½	25½
(*480)	500	1	19	31	22	35	47
BP	360	16	29	37	1	12½	18½
(*374)	390	1	14	23	18	28	33½
Br Steel	130	4	11½	16	1½	8	11½
(*132½)	140	1	6½	12	8½	13½	17½
C & W	525	9½	33½	49½	3½	22½	33
(*530½)	550	1½	22½	36½	23	36	47
CU	700	8½	30½	48½	4	28½	38
(*705½)	750	1	12½	26	48	63	69½
ICI	750	41½	58½	70½	1	26	37
(*789½)	800	3	28½	45½	15	54	63½
Kingfshr	650	12	42	54½	4	28	37
(*660½)	700	1	19½	36½	46½	57	66½
Land Sec	750	9½	36	40½	3½	21	33½
(*755½)	800	1	13	18	47½	51½	65½
M & S	420	36½	46	52	1	5½	12
(*455)	460	2	20	28	7	21	29
Nat West	600	14½	31½	46	2½	27	35
(*610)	650	1	12½	24½	42	60½	66
Sainsbury	420	36½	48½	55½	1	8	16½
(*454)	460	2	23	32	8½	24½	35
Shell	700	38	47	58	1	14½	22
(*735½)	750	1½	17	33	17½	41	48
SmKl Bch	420	13	33½	46	2	22½	31
(*430½)	460	1	16	28½	32	45½	54
Storehse	240	9½	19	25½	1½	9	14½
(*247)	260	1	9½	15½	15	20½	26
Trafalgar	106	3	12½	17½	2½	9	13½
(*107)	115	1	8	13½	10	15	19½
Unilever	1150	44½	68	86	1	26	48
(*1193½)	1200	3½	38	58	15	52	63½
Zeneca	800	11½	40½	57	5½	40½	50
(*808½)	850	1	18	36	45½	73½	81½

Series		Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
Grnd Met	460	27½	41	49½	8	15½	22
(*478½)	500	7½	19½	29	28	39½	42½
Ladbroke	200	15	27½	26½	9½	16	20½
(*207½)	220	5½	14	17½	17	28	32½
Utd Bisc	360	30	35	41½	4½	13½	19½
(*383½)	390	10½	17½	26	15½	30	36

January 24, 1994 Tot: 34304 Call: 21172 Put: 13132 FT-SE Call: 5353 Put: 6566
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	1000	36	69½	86½	1	19½	38
(*1033½)	1050	2½	41½	58	22½	45	61½
Thames W	550	35½	49½	58	1	11½	23
(*583)	600	1½	19½	29½	19½	31½	50

Series		Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
BAT Ind	500	31	43	48½	6½	20½	31½
(*522)	550	7½	16½	24½	33	51½	61
BTR	360	12	18	27	10½	23	25
(*360½)	390	2½	7	15	32	42	44½
Br Aero	420	35½	50½	63½	9	25	34½
(*442)	460	13½	30½	44	29½	46½	56½
Br Telcm	460	12½	24	32½	9½	15	24½
(*460½)	500	2	8	15	41½	43½	50
Cadbury	493	44	48	—	2½	12	—
(*531)	542	9½	18½	—	18½	36	—
Guinness	500	44	53	60	6½	17	24
(*535½)	550	13	26	33½	29	43½	50½
GEC	330	13½	22½	27½	6	12	18
(*336)	360	2½	8½	13½	26½	29	36½
Hanson	260	20½	24	27	1½	6	9½
(*278)	280	6½	12½	16	8	14½	19
LASMO	120	12	19½	24½	5½	12	16
(*126)	130	7	14	19½	10½	17	22
Lucas	200	17	23½	29	3½	9½	13½
(*212)	220	6	13	18½	13½	20½	24
Pilkingtn	180	22½	28	33	2½	7½	9½
(*199)	200	8	15½	21½	9	16½	19
Prudential	330	26	30½	35	2½	10½	14½
(*351)	360	6½	13	19½	15	26½	30½
Redland	600	38½	51½	60	7½	26½	36
(*628½)	650	11½	25½	36	32	55	63½
Royal Ins	317	28	—	—	3½	—	—
(*339½)	346	9½	—	—	15	—	—
Tesco	220	21½	27	31	4	9½	12½
(*237)	240	7½	15	21	10	20½	23
Vodafone	550	55½	73½	87	5	18	30
(*596)	600	23	44½	59½	24½	39	53½
Williams	390	33½	40½	46½	2½	11½	16
(*418)	420	12½	22	30	12½	25½	30

FT-SE INDEX (*3475)

	3350	3400	3450	3500	3550	3600
Calls						
Feb	159	117	90	50	30	16½
Mar	172	135	103	75	55	37
Apr	189	153	124	96	75	55
May	207	173	143	115	94	73
Jun	—	195	—	136	—	92
Puts						
Feb	15	25	40	63	96	137
Mar	36	49	68	91	120	153
Apr	52	65	86	107	136	167
May	65	80	100	121	151	180
Jun	—	96	—	136	—	192

Series		Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Nat	500	27	34½	45	18	25	33
(*510½)	550	6	14	24	52½	57	62½
Amstrad	45	6	8½	10½	3	5	6½
(*47½)	50	3½	6	8	6	7½	9
Barclays	600	49½	59	71	14½	22	31
(*635)	650	20½	32½	45½	38	46½	56
Blue Circ	360	37½	44½	51½	8½	18½	27
(*386)	390	19	28	35½	21½	33½	42
Br Gas	330	21½	27½	31½	6½	15	18½
(*341½)	360	7	13	18½	23½	33	36
Dixons	200	24	32	36	5	9½	17
(*214½)	220	12	20½	25½	14½	19	26½
Forte	260	17	23	28	9½	18	23
(*268)	280	8½	13½	21	21½	30½	34½
Hillsdwn	180	14½	17½	21½	6½	14	16
(*185½)	200	5½	8½	13	18½	27½	28½
Lonrho	140	14½	20	25½	9	14	19
(*145)	160	6½	12	17	22½	26½	31
Sears	120	11½	13½	16	3½	6	8
(*126)	130	6	8	11	8	12	13½
Thrn EMI	1100	45½	72½	89½	31	46½	66½
(*1105)	1150	23	48½	65	60½	73	95½
Tomkins	280	14	22	28½	11½	16	23
(*281)	300	6	14	19½	24½	28	37½
TSB	280	16	25	31½	12½	17	22½
(*287)	300	6½	15½	22½	25½	29	33½
Wellcome	650	58	75	95½	19	35	48
(*681½)	700	30	50	70	44	61½	73

Series		Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Glaxo	650	48	69	80½	37	51	65
(*661½)	700	26	47½	59	67	79½	96
HSBC	950	73	98	119	47	66½	88
(*976½)	1000	48	73½	92	75	92½	109½
Reuter	1900	91½	146	181½	94	119½	141½
(*1904)	1950	67½	120½	155½	125	145	166½

Series		Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
R-Royce	176	14½	—	—	4½	—	—
(*185)	195	4½	—	—	14½	—	—

Series		Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Fisons	130	17½	24	30	8	14	19
(*138)	140	12½	19	24	13½	19½	23½

Series		Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
Eastrn Elc	650	37½	53½	64	6½	17	30½
(*679½)	700	10	27½	37	32	40	58

Series		Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Natl Pwr	460	44	56	65	8	17½	27½
(*491½)	500	20	33	49½	25½	36	48
Scot Pwr	420	36	47½	56½	8	14½	24½
(*449)	460	14½	25½	36	20½	33½	44

COMMODITIES

COMMODITIES REPORT: Coffee reversed its opening call, ignoring long liquidation which pressured New York values on Friday, and immediately headed higher. Cocoa closed little changed, activity focusing on near March and May. Sugar took New Yorks lead and firmed during late trade but there was doubt about any break-out of the current range.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	911-910	May	970-969
May	912-911	Jul	980-975
Jul	921-920	Sep	984-983
Sep	934-933	Dec	1000-990
Dec	949-948		
Mar	961-960	Volume:	4320

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	1183-1176	Sep	1188-1181
Mar	1193-1191	Nov	1185-1180
May	1194-1193	Jan	1189-1187
Jul	1182-1181	Volume:	1863

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		Oct	11.00-11.10
Spot: 254.90		Jan	10.85-11.20
Mar	10.58-10.63	Mar	10.70-11.50
May	11.09-11.14	May	10.70-11.80
Jul	11.26-11.38	Volume:	83

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	282.1-80.5
Spot: 290.2		Dec	281.1-78.5
Mar	289.7-88.8	Mar	282.1-79.0
May	289.2-88.5	May	284.1-79.0
Aug	293.9-92.7	Volume:	1189

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 24

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	66.86	103.00	121.66
(+/-)	+0.04	-4.15	-1.08
Eng/Wales	66.90	103.18	121.31
(+/-)	-0.14	+4.32	-1.32
(%)	-35.7	-22.5	-46.3
Scotland	58.61	102.99	125.62
(+/-)	-7.09	+3.51	+1.79
(%)	-68.2	-20.2	-53.0

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	—	Mar	unq	—
Sep	unq	—		Volume:	0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Mar	99.35
May	100.35
Jun	100.80
Sep	89.95
Nov	91.20
Volume:	193

BARLEY (close £/t)

Mar	104.50
May	106.00
Sep	92.50
Nov	94.80
Jan	96.75
Volume:	0

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	
Dec	
Feb	
Apr	
Volume:	0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	135.0
Apr	107.0	108.3
May	128.0	128.5
	Volume:	73

RUBBER

No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Feb 61.75-62.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Despite indications that there would be no output cuts before April, oil prices firmed slightly.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	14.30	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Feb)	14.30	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Mar)	13.95	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	15.10	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	15.20	+0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	146 (n/c)	148 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	145 (+1)	146 (+1)
Non EEC IH Feb	146 (-1)	148 (-2)
Non EEC IH Mar	147 (n/c)	149 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	63 (n/c)	65 (n/c)
Naphtha	130 (n/c)	132 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Feb	142.25-42.50	May	141.75 BID
Mar	142.50-42.75	Jun	142.00-42.75
Apr	142.00-42.50	Jul	144.00-44.50
		Vol:	14846

BRENT (6.00pm)

Mar	13.93-13.95	Jun	14.10 BID
Apr	13.90 SLR	Jul	n/a
May	14.00-14.01	Vol:	24016

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Feb	139.50-43.00	May	153.00-56.00
Mar	n/a	Jun	159.00 SLR
Apr	156.00 SLR	Vol:	0

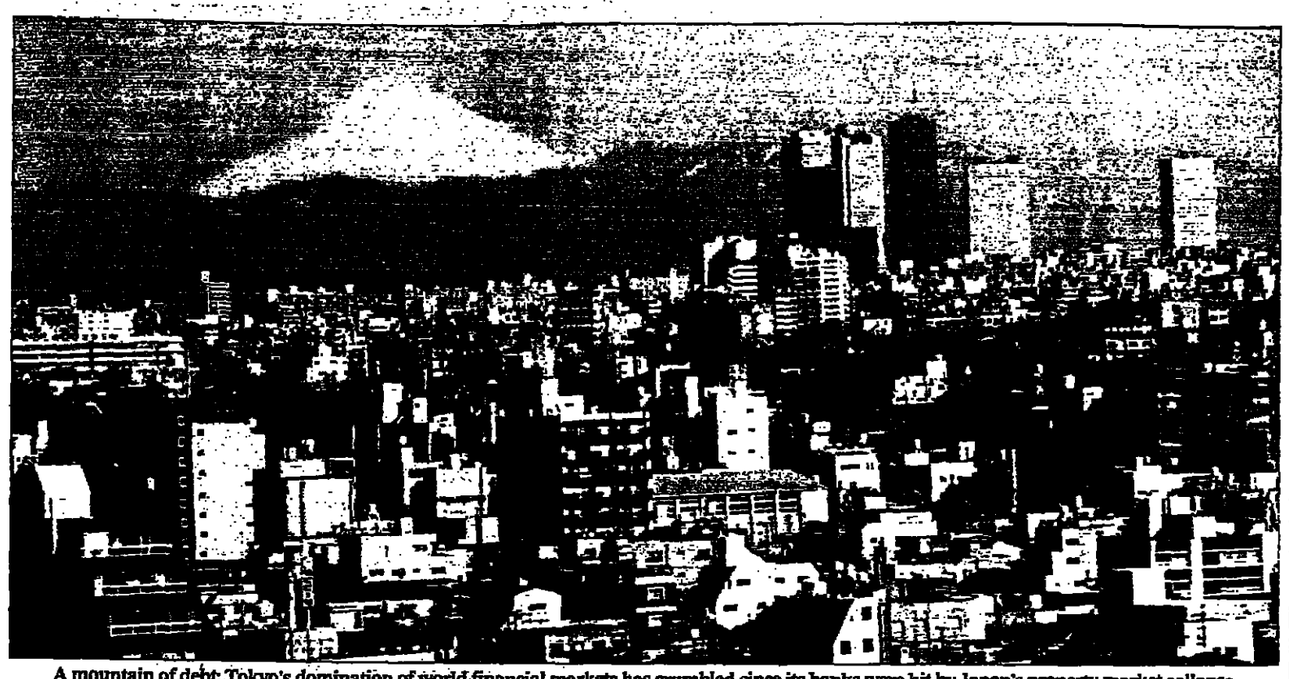
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GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jan 94	1230	1230	1232
Feb 94	1230	1225	1225
Mar 94	unq	—	1243
Apr 94	1285	1279	1279

Vol: 77 lots. Open int'st: 2699 Index 1236 -2

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1839.5-1840.0	1862.0-1863.0	145242.5
Lead ($/tonne)	502.50-503.00	514.50-515.00	8225.0
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	996.00-996.50	1016.5-1017.0	377150
Tin ($/tonne)	4940.0-4950.0	5000.0-5005.0	15345
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1180.0-1180.5	1196.0-1196.5	1203600
Nickel ($/tonne)	5560.0-5565.0	5625.0-5627.0	29712



A mountain of debt: Tokyo's domination of world financial markets has crumbled since its banks were hit by Japan's property market collapse

Japan's banking mandarins wake from their torpor

A lending binge left the banks crippled by bad debts — and the finance ministry has just woken up to it, says Joanna Pitman

Tokyo's monetary mandarins are in an unaccustomed state of shock. The ranks of blue-suited financial tacticians who toil away day and night at their gunmetal desks in the bowels of the Ministry of Finance, guiding the unstoppable march of Japan's banking giants across the world, are slowly and reluctantly opening their eyes to reality. And they do not like what they see.

Japan's once mighty banks, admired and feared in equal measure by their foreign rivals during the years of "the bubble", the heady asset inflation era of the late 1980s, are today weighed down by burdens of bad debt so severe that only miracles of accounting dexterity enable them to avoid floods of red ink on their balance sheets.

All over the capital, in the chaotic noodle shops that fringe the back streets of Kabutocho (Tokyo's answer to the Square Mile), in the glossy, whisky-hazed hostess bars of the Ginza and in the immaculate boardrooms of banks, stockbrokers and institutional investors, Japan's private-sector financial men are shaking their heads and blaming the Ministry of Finance (MoF) for banking's parlous state. And the knife of blame is likely to be thrust deeper still as the banking problem is recognised to be a brake on the country's economic recovery.

The MoF is failing as the banks' self-appointed mastermind and guide. Following three post-bubble years of apparent blindness to the threat posed by growing mountains of questionable debt, the ministry is only now beginning to acknowledge that Japan's banking crisis is more serious than it had thought.

Even the least damaged banks are going to take six or seven years to overcome their woes; others will take much longer. Before the turn of the century, Japan could see its first undisguised bank failure in 70 years. "It is inevitable that some parts of the financial system, including individual banks, will soon be eliminated through mergers or even failures," said Yoshihisa Kitai, an economist at the Long Term Credit Bank.

In the past month, the biggest "city" or commercial, banks have announced bad debt provisions running to billions of dollars, to begin to deal with the officially estimated Y15 trillion ($138 billion) of uncollectable loans, a bill roughly equal to the economy of Denmark. Many analysts estimate the bad debts, most of them to failed borrowers connected with real estate, at nearer Y40 trillion. Official acknowledgement of the problem is only a few months old, as is permission for banks to begin to make loan loss provisions. Tokai Bank, for example, the seventh-largest city bank, announced last month that it was to write off Y70 billion in loans to three affiliated financial companies for the six months to last September. It has just announced that it will write off a further Y130 billion in non-performing loans to a troubled property company when it closes its books in March on the 1993 financial year.

The ministry is currently looking at a figure of Y2.5 trillion for banking write-offs alone, which would eat into banks' operating profits. "At best, we will see flat profits for the next six years," said Paul Heaton, an analyst at Baring Securities in Tokyo. In the half year just ended, core profits at the 11 city banks slipped 10.6 per cent. Weak demand for loans and an official discount rate at a record low of 1.75 per cent do not create much room for improvement. In apparently seeking to restrict a crisis of confidence in the banks, the MoF has consistently understated the size, extent and ramifications of the bad debts, clouding the sense of urgency necessary for finding a rapid solution.

The MoF still seems to be suffering from inertia, unable or unwilling to impose the kind of drastic measures that might restore confidence and end the drag on the stock market and on a wider economic recovery. A loans officer at a city bank with one of the heaviest debt burdens said: "There has not been enough effort to encourage major bad debt write-offs, to come up with solutions such as those that worked in the United States — the securitisation of bad debt or the sell-off of bad debt to special government-funded vehicles. The ministry is going to have to allow a major bank failure sooner or later, to jolt the industry back on to its feet."

Four years ago, the grip of Japan's city banks on international banking markets appeared unbreakable. Between 1983 and 1988, they aggressively increased their international assets by a combined Y1.3 trillion each year, according to the Bank for International Settlements. This was 55 per cent of the total expansion of international banking activity worldwide.

Revealing an unattractive *hubris*, Japanese banks pushed aside foreign competitors to buy up whatever baubles took their fancy. They bought impressionist paintings at record prices, snapped up golf courses, sometimes sight unseen, bought office blocks, slices of foreign companies and tracts of land. In Japan, too, they roared ahead, lending to borrowers of all hues; many of these were backed by real estate as collateral. When the inflated asset bubble burst in 1990 — real estate prices fell by more than half in some metropolitan areas — borrowers that had over-extended themselves started a wave of bankruptcies that continues today.



Mieno: lessons from US

The biggest was in November, when Muramoto Construction went bust with debts of $5.46 billion. An estimated 60 per cent of the collateral underpinning bank loans consists of real estate. City bank reserves are believed to be sufficient to cover just 30 per cent of the disclosed non-performing loans but outsiders can only guess at the true extent of undisclosed bad debt.

The MoF's new-found sense of realism, allowing its banking constituents to declare write-offs, may not be enough as the volume of bad loans is growing faster than the banks are able to write them off. And the collapse of Japan's asset bubble appears to have been compounded by an old-fashioned cyclical recession. This economic slowdown has lasted longer, and its effects on both manufacturing and services have been more severe, than anyone expected. Corporations appear to be heading for a fourth consecutive year of pre-tax losses, a post-war record, and the stock market has yet to rid itself of the volatility and meagre trading volumes that are keeping big institutional investors on the sidelines.

When share prices fall, so do banks' unrealised gains on equities, which have been seen as their buffer against bad loans. Some banks have partly liquidated share portfolios to stay in the black, but at considerable losses. Nine city banks sustained losses of Y245 billion between them in fiscal 1992. The need to boost domestic balance sheets has led to a diminishing role in international financial markets; most big banks have begun to repatriate their overseas business assets. In 1992, Japan's external banking assets decreased by $2,560 billion; Britain's, by contrast, increased by $162 billion.

Japan's financial authorities are beginning, as custom demands, to demonstrate the contrition and humility expected of those who have made mistakes. Yasushi Mieno, governor of the Bank of Japan, recently conceded that the country's banks could learn from American experience of dealing with bad loans by taking big hits, clearing balance sheets and starting afresh. This amounted to an admission that The Japanese Way — the practice of sitting on hidden bad debts for a decade or more — had failed.

Japanese banks will not suddenly swallow their bad loans whole, but Mr Mieno's statements and the new sense of realism and humility at the MoF indicate a recognition that further deregulation is needed to speed a Japanese-style bail-out process.

Few would disagree that, with more than 6,000 institutions licensed to make loans and take deposits, and 151 private-sector banks duplicating services and expenses around the world, the country is over-banked and restructuring long overdue. Some observers forecast that only 20 large banks will make it past the millennium. Others put the figure as low as five.

Whatever the number, their past performance and new sobriety, and the firmer guiding hand of the authorities, indicate that it would be unwise for foreign rivals to assume that Japan's banks are out for the count.

TEMPUS

Ladbroke's Georgian era

AFTER all the fanfares, Peter George's rule as Ladbroke's chief executive began in earnest at the weekend the way everyone hoped it would — with a disposal. The sale of the Hong Kong Hilton management contract may have been opportunistic, prompted by the desperation of Hutchison Whampoa to obtain a potential development site, and Ladbroke is unlikely to see most of the $125 million until next year. But it should comfort the City on several fronts.

First, it shows there is some hidden value in Ladbroke's balance sheet, since the management contract was not listed as an asset. By contrast, many people have searched for hidden liabilities. It also shows Ladbroke can be a willing seller, after a year in which it has seemed stubborn in its refusal to trade despite the small matter of a £1.3 billion debt.

Hilton cannot afford to sell too many of its prime hotels without leaving holes in its network and reputation. Instead, Mr George should concentrate on accelerating the disposal of the £860 million property portfolio. If that requires further provisions, the balance sheet can take them, and the City would welcome the realism. Once Ladbroke's debts are more manageable, Mr George can search for a solution for Texas, which probably needs a buyer or a joint-venture partner.

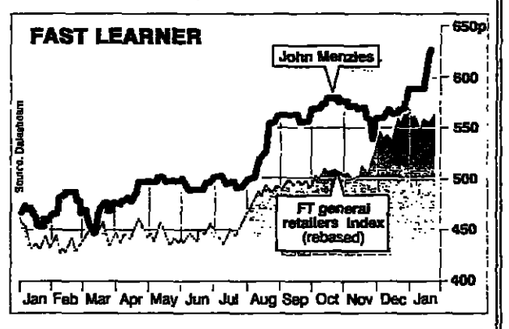
Mr George's appointment of two non-executives, both with solid corporate backgrounds, shows he intends to pull Ladbroke out of the shadow of Cyril Stein, whose attitude towards non-executives always seemed esoteric. Hugh Collum from Smith-Kline Beecham and Derek Williams should help make the decisions to restore the balance sheet and share price.

John Menzies

JOHN Menzies has never been one of the glamour high growth shares of the stores sector. Indeed, it has often been viewed, somewhat unfairly, as a poor man's WH Smith. The latest interim results suggest that investors may need to revise this view.

Growth at the Early Learning Centre chain shows no sign of abating. Moreover, trials of new larger stores, with an expanded product range, have proved successful, ensuring a source of future growth. With its unique range of specialist educational toys and books, the chain has established a strong place in the market, despite the arrival of opposition such as Toys R Us.

The clear identity that makes the Early Learning Centres such a success is precisely what is lacking in the core John Menzies chain. It is operating in a highly competitive market in which the group has to fight both generalists, such as WH Smith, as well as specialist bookstores and music shops. Nevertheless, new management has come up with a revised format with a greater emphasis on price, particularly in the music department, in tune with the value-conscious nineties shopper. This is delivering significantly improved sales densities, and if the progress can be replicated across more of the chain, then investors should begin to see accelerated growth. On a prospective p/e of about 15, the rating is undemanding and the shares should outperform.



Midland Independent Newspapers

WHILE a potential bid for one newspaper business is drawn up, another independent newspaper group is drawing up the last details of its plans for a flotation. Midland Independent Newspapers, the publisher of *The Birmingham Post* and 30 other titles, is one of the more promising flotations scheduled for the Spring, and given the City's current fascination with all things media, it looks assured of a noisy welcome.

The management buyout team at MIN was forced to pay a full price for the business two years ago to fend off competitive bids. The subsequent slump in classified advertising made it even harder to justify the £125 million cost. But MIN has succeeded in driving out large amounts of cost from the business and last year the group generated a 21 per cent operating margin, one of the highest in the regional newspaper industry.

Such a margin might suggest the group has little more to aim for. But MIN is still faced with the task of turning round 21 free weekly titles it bought from Thomson last year. In addition, the group will benefit greatly from any upturn in classified advertising, which will feed directly into profits.

MIN's nearest obvious comparison is Trinity International, which at 470p is trading on 24 times earnings. The £150 million flotation value that is being suggested for MIN would, however, put its shares on a pro forma price earnings ratio in the mid-teens. This looks cheap, but then the pricing is being held down by MIN's £71 million turnover. No matter how media-obsessed investors have become, they might feel nervous about paying much more than twice revenue for a newspaper group.

Booker

BY SELLING Loseley Dairy Products, Booker has rid itself of the last of its loss-making subsidiaries in its ongoing effort to refine its diverse portfolio of activities. Loseley is a well-known up-market ice cream brand, and the knockdown sale looks strange to anyone who has been watching Unilever and Grand Metropolitan pour millions of pounds into developing their ice cream businesses. But the very arrival of brands like Haagen-Dazs is making the posh ice cream market increasingly competitive and Loseley cannot win against the marketing clout of its larger rivals.

Booker's disposal programme still has some way to go. The group still owns several engineering businesses that do not fit, and some agri-business and food subsidiaries are also likely to be sold.

All this activity comes too late to improve Booker's performance in 1993. Profits should be around £89 million, leaving dividend cover looking thin at under 1.4 times. Further out, there are signs of hope since the customer base for Booker's main distribution business is the catering trade, which means the group is less exposed to supermarket hostilities than most food manufacturers. Meanwhile, a 5.8 per cent yield underpins the shares.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Everest on Lime Street

ANYONE passing Lloyd's of London about lunchtime on March 4 would be forgiven for thinking that the names have finally flipped. For they will be greeted by the sight of several stick-like figures scaling the outside of Lloyd's giant glass atrium. An SAS-style assault on David Rowland's lofty aerie, perhaps? Nothing so dramatic. The climbers are members of an imminent expedition to Mount Everest who have won permission to scale the Lloyd's building to raise funds for schools and hospitals in Nepal. "We will be setting up a mock base-camp on the 10th floor," says Simon Currin, a general practitioner from mid-Wales, who is one of seven climbers on The British Mount Everest Medical Expedition 1994, due to depart for Nepal in September. He describes one of Sir Richard Rogers' lovingly crafted steel columns as "just a purpose-made climbing frame, as far as I can make out". And what does Lloyd's make of it all? "They approached us," grunts a spokesman. "We agreed, subject to indemnities and proper insurance." And will the market take on the risk of someone crashing through the glass? Not likely. Lloyd's does not insure its own building. Only 20 Britons have reached the summit of Everest in the space of 40 years. Far fewer have scaled the heights of Lloyd's.

Thinking alike

CALLING anyone with an Irish name living in the UK — stand by to receive a brown envelope. It could contain the key to riches beyond the dreams of avarice. Lysa, a Dublin agent for the Irish sweepstake — jackpot Ir£3 million — is offering Britons who cannot wait for our own National Lottery the chance to WIN, WIN, WIN! Lysa has been targeting London's Irish community for some time, and has widened its scope using mailing lists to pick out those with Irish surnames. News of the initiative was greeted with a smile by John Fitzpatrick, former chief executive of the Irish Lottery, who is helping Richard Branson and Lord Young with their bid for the UK licence. His daughter, a student at Trinity College, Dublin, needed an idea for a research project. His suggestion? Direct marketing of the lottery to UK residents.



"We now have a strong and continuing recovery — wish I could say the same for the taxpayer"

Rolling who?

BULGARIA, one of the more secretive of the former Communist bloc's members, is receiving pop music glasnost from GWR, the British radio station that yesterday unveiled upbeat trading results. Ralph Bernard, chief executive, says GWR's associate station in Sofia, Radio FM Plus, "is playing nearly all Sixties and Seventies music. That era seems to have passed them by." So who is this Mick Jagger?

Worth fighting

HOW demeaning. John Gutfreund, former "King of Wall Street" immortalised in *Liar's Poker*, is fighting his old firm, Salomon Brothers, for more than $40 million in back pay, bonuses and share options. Gutfreund, fined $100,000 and banned for life from running a securities house after the 1991 Treasury Bond scandal, resigned from Salomons over his failure to report breaches by staff. The firm responded by freezing all payments, and Gutfreund, outraged by such uncharitable behaviour, wants his due. His requests are modest — a $2 million bonus he says he is owed for 1991, $4.5 million in severance pay, $344,000 from a special bonus plan, and $34 million in share options. The case is being heard before the New York Stock Exchange arbitration board.

First with the news

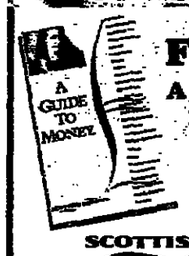
ONWARDS and upwards for George Pitcher, former industrial editor at *The Observer*. Not content with the weighty task of running Luther Pendragon, his media consultancy, he has been appointed City columnist of *Tatler*, that incisive financial journal. "It's not a column that's going to move markets," he sighs. "I've already filed for March."

AN UNNATURAL silence descended on the The Daily Telegraph's City office yesterday after weekend engineering work. Cables were damaged in the changeover of the switchboard system from Mercury to Mitel, the French company. Journalists could receive calls but could not call out.

JON ASHWORTH



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Late recovery

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began January 17. Dealings end January 28. §Contango day January 31. Settlement day February 7. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
324	243	Abbey Ntl	311	+3	11.8	2.9	19.7
314	179	Allied Irish	298	-5	...	3.5	13.2
250½	130	Aus New Z	250½	+3½	...	3.6	∞
3806¼	2712½	Bankamerica	3012½	-43¾	...	...	...
319	177	Bk of Ireland	309	-4	...	4.0	22.8
375	325	Bk Leumi UK	375	...	17.0	5.7	...
246½	116½	Bank Scotland	246½	+8½	4.6	2.4	33.5
652	382	Barclays	635	-14	...	2.5	...
39½	15½	Cadiale	35	+1	...	...	...
649	393	Cater Allen	649	+8	28.0	5.4	...
180	85	Cattles	179	-1	...	3.1	23.8
2487½	1543¾	Chase Manh	2300	...	...	...	...
2818¾	1343¾	Citicorp	2802½	-12½	...	...	...
369	250	Close Bros	358	-1	...	2.5	20.3
£1159½	917½	Commerzbk	£1139½	+15½	...	2.7	...
£1348¼	£1250½	Deutsche Bk	£1309½	-15½	...	2.0	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	84 †	...	1.5	2.2	∞
1651	826	Fuji Bank Y	1249	-33	...	0.4	...
539	343	Gerrard Nat	512	+2	21.5	5.2	13.6
993	490	HSBC	978	-12	20.0	2.6	23.4
1007	474	HSBC HK	992	-8	20.0	2.5	23.7
489	263	Hambros	442	-1	14.3	4.0	20.4
433	313	Joseph (L)	430	...	16.7	4.9	...
170	96	King Shaxson	170	...	9.0	6.6	...
669	312	Kleinwort Ben	643	...	16.7	3.2	22.3
690	492	Lloyds	656	+8	19.1	3.6	18.8
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	115	+1	3.4	2.8	∞
581	322	Nat Aust Bk	581	...	...	3.9	...
634	398	Nat West	611	+6	17.8	3.6	37.1
573	270	Provident	538	+2	12.4	2.9	23.3
67	39	Rea Bros	66	...	0.5	1.0	70.2
472	207	Ryl Bk Scot	469 †	+3	...	2.9	21.2
1415	467½	Schroders	1415	+7	...	1.1	28.2
1370	376	Stand Chart	1345	-15	20.5	1.9	...
291	145½	TSB	289	+1	...	3.4	22.4
190	78	Union Disc	178	...	...	...	...
984	520	Warburg SG	982	+8	...	2.5	14.4
9112½	4843¾	Wells Fargo	8793¾	-62½	...	3.1	...
227	121	Westpac	227 †	+3	...	2.4	...
325	188	Wintrust	325	...	9.3	3.6	29.1

BREWERIES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
697	517	Allied-Lyons	659 †	-4	...	4.0	18.3
647	441	Bass	590 †	-6	...	4.2	16.0
299	189	Boddington	278	+6	7.5	3.4	16.2
459	382	Bulmer (HP)	434 †	...	...	3.0	17.4
193	129	Burtonwd Brw	186 †	...	4.7	3.2	15.5
181	75	Eldridge P 'A'▲	167 †	-4	3.5	2.7	∞
70½	50	Fosters Brewing	63½	-1	...	4.3	...
460	338	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	460	+1	7.5	2.0	19.7
506	373	Grand Met	480 †	-6	...	3.4	18.7
511	347	Greenalls Grp	483 †	-3	...	3.2	16.6
584	505	Greene King	565 †	-4	...	2.8	15.8
539	388	Guinness	539	+21	...	2.8	20.1
736	31	Halkin Hldgs	68 †	...	...	...	53.1
281	230	Hardy Hanson	254 †	...	8.5	4.2	∞
138	105	Heavitree▲	135	...	3.0	2.8	32.2
433	255	Highland Distl	419	+3	...	2.0	20.8
3150	2538	Holt J	3150	...	42.0	1.7	20.5
323	250	Invergordn Dis	301	...	...	2.9	17.2
186	118	Macallan-Glen	154	+3	4.3	3.6	34.6
465	365	Mardn Marstn 'A'	445	...	...	2.5	21.2
246	164	Mansfield	233	-3	...	2.1	16.7
299	231	Mrston Tamp	293	...	...	2.4	16.3
595	288½	Matthew Clark	595	...	...	2.1	19.6
300	210	Mrrydwn W	248	+3	7.0	3.5	22.2
580	455	Morland	543 †	...	...	2.2	18.7
12	6½	Paramount▲	10½	...	...	1.8	18.5
230	145	Regent Inns	230	+3	...	2.4	23.4
1521¼	753½	SA Breweries	1250½	-31½	...	2.2	20.8
591	393	Scot & New	580 ‡	-1	...	1.7	17.8
225	155½	Taunton Cider	185 †	+1	6.2	4.2	14.4
295	213	Vaux Group	280 †	+2	...	4.1	18.5
381	225	Wetherspoon JD	376	+7	...	1.8	29.2
614	435	Whitbread 'A'	614	+7	...	3.7	14.7
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	555 †	-1	12.6	2.8	∞
525	475	Young 'A'	525	...	14.7	3.5	21.7

BUILDING, ROADS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
190	73	Abbey	190 †	...	...	1.3	31.2
29½	12	Albrighton▲	20 †	...	...	0.6	...
173	87	Allen▲	173 ‡	+3	...	3.6	39.2
132½	65	Amec	129	...	3.0	2.9	23.9
13	4	Anglia Sec	9½	-1	...	...	...
386	150	Ashtead▲	386	...	...	1.5	40.8
153	101	Atwoods	147 †	-1	...	4.3	...
363	180	BPB Ind	350	-4	...	2.7	41.9
127	57	Baggeridge Brk	122 †	...	...	3.2	36.7
41	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	37	...	0.6	2.0	...
108	71	Barcom	72 †	...	3.0	5.2	∞
57	32½	Barlon	55	+1½	2.0	4.5	27.1
278	94	Barratt Devs	266	-4	...	1.9	28.6
266	152½	Bellway	258	+2	12.0	5.6	∞
54	15	Bellwinch	54	...	...	...	...
564	255½	Berkeley Gp	546 †	+1	...	1.4	29.5
151	45	Bett Bros	150	+23	...	1.7	19.4
68	38	Blockleys	61	...	1.0	2.0	67.4
388	180	Blue Circle	387	+4½	...	...	...
355	230	Bost (Henry)	351	...	6.0	2.1	19.6
109	78	Breedon PLC	109	...	4.6	5.3	26.8
135	82	Br Dredging	134	...	3.2	4.9	28.7
86	45	Brit Fittings	79	...	...	1.7	2.8
197½	99	Bryant	188	-1½	...	3.2	37.9
146	53	CALA	145	...	...	2.0	...
385	200	CRH	377	-4	...	2.3	20.7
43	18	Cakebread Rby	38	+3	...	...	...
41½	21	Costain	35½	-1	...	...	...
178	86½	Countryside	174	+1	...	3.0	∞
114	35½	Crest Nicholson	104 †	-2	...	1.2	∞
125	27	Cussins	125	...	...	1.0	...
25½	15	Edmond Hldgs	25½	...	0.3	1.5	...
285	178	Epwin	280	+1	7.0	3.1	23.7
82	32	Erith	75	+6	0.3	0.6	...
506	252	Eve Group▲	468	...	...	2.8	17.6
244	97	Freeman Gp▲	227	...	5.0	2.8	36.1
50	38	Galliford	48	...	...	2.6	...
87	52	Gibbs & Dandy	87	...	...	2.9	...
1005	695	Gleeson (MJ)	1000	...	...	1.6	17.4
173½	75	Hewdn-Stuart	163	...	...	2.1	34.9
51	28	Hewetson	50	...	...	3.2	36.5
430	173	Heywd Wm	422 †	-1	13.0	4.0	...
145	37	Higgs & Hill	145	...	2.5	2.2	...
38	26	How Gp	30	...	...	4.7	...
28	15	Howard Hldgs	26	...	0.5	2.4	...
92	39	Ibstock Johnsen	90	...	1.0	1.4	...
25	12½	Jarvis	19	+½	...	...	...
379½	196	Laing (J)	361	-3	9.0	3.1	14.4
146	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	144½	...	...	5.5	...
145	55	Ln Clydeside▲	140	-4	4.8	4.4	∞
23	10	Lovell (YJ)	15½	+1	...	...	7.2
405	240	Manders	403	...	9.3	2.9	21.4
213½	93	Marley	203	-1	4.2	2.6	59.5
143	61	Marshalls	136 †	...	...	3.7	...
250	122	Maunders (J)	250	...	...	2.6	24.1
299	96	McAlpine (A)	286	...	6.5	2.8	49.5
78½	23	McCarthy & S	78½	+2	0.5	0.8	...
558	272	Meyer Int	555 †	+7	...	2.3	55.6
188½	62	Mowlem (J)	173	...	4.0	2.9	...
191	51	NSM	184	-1	...	...	...
53	48	Needler▲	48	...	...	3.7	22.4
196	106	Newman Tnks	191	+1	...	4.4	25.5
381	197	Persimmon	358	...	8.6	3.0	36.5
26	9	Phoenix Timber	19	...	...	...	...
1781¼	1237½	Pochins	1781¼	...	28.0	2.0	25.4
198	80	Prowting	192	-1	3.4	2.2	...
1079	555	RMC Gp	1062	-11	...	2.4	39.9
117	75½	Raine Ind	100	...	...	3.8	23.7
26	18	Ramus▲	25 †	...	...	...	...
633	402	Redland	630	+8	25.0	5.0	36.7
86	64	Rudolf	72	-1	4.3	7.5	10.6
371	202	Rugby Group	359	-3	6.4	2.2	27.5
68	23	Srvld-Bve▲	59	...	...	0.5	...
172	66	Sharpe & Fisher	172	+6	...	2.9	29.9
276	86½	Sheffield Insl	260	+3	...	2.6	63.8
268	82	Sheriff Hldgs▲	260 †	...	...	1.8	34.7
107	66	Shoreco▲	107	+1	3.2	6.1	24.3
245	196	Smart (J)	240	-5	...	4.4	18.1
6½	1½	Starwin	3½	...	...	...	...
204½	100	Tarmac	201	-1	5.5	3.4	...
234	131	Tay Homes	233	...	...	3.1	28.8
183	63	Taylor Woodrw	178	-2	1.0	0.7	...
738	433	Tilbury Dougls	735	...	13.0	5.6	23.9
51	19	Torex Hire▲	30 †	...	...	1.5	...
370	168	Travis Perkins	358	+4	8.0	2.8	63.0
29	5½	Trencherwood	25½	+1½	...	...	...
40	25	Try Group	34	...	1.0	3.7	9.6
38	21	Tudor▲	21	...	0.2	1.5	...
112	41	Vibroplant	112	...	2.5	2.8	40.3
65	20	Ward Hldgs	63	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	33	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	460	...	...	3.3	19.8
32	6½	Wescol▲	31	-1	...	...	...
235½	90	Westbury	228	...	5.0	2.8	34.3
6	3	Wiggins	5½	...	...	...	...
566	362	Wilson Bowdn	549	...	...	2.0	38.6
254	147	Wilson (C)	244	...	3.9	2.0	42.3
231	104	Wimpey G	230	+3	...	2.0	...
47	15	YRM	28	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	650	+7	...	...	...
388	196	Adam & Harvey	360	+2	13.0	4.5	6.6
92	56	Air London▲	89	...	3.5	6.3	12.3
56	37	African Lakes	44	...	2.0	5.7	...
178	93	Auto Sec	139	...	...	5.5	24.9
162	84	BET Ord	155½	-2	...	1.6	6.3
143	41	BNB Res	142	-1	4.9	4.3	...
318	183	BPP	253	...	8.3	4.1	14.0
178	154	BSM	177	+3	...	4.1	15.5
285	195	Barbour Index	218	...	8.1	4.7	14.7
28	15	Boustead	23	...	0.7	3.8	...
269	184	Brit Data Mgt	201	-2	4.7	3.0	14.6
36	11	Broadcastle▲	34	...	...	1.3	19.1
73	48	Brooks Service	61	...	...	1.0	...
109	86	CRT Gp	107	...	...	3.4	18.8
240	139½	Capita Group	234	...	...	1.3	34.2
57	31	Castet Plc	50 †	...	...	2.0	21.5
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	22½	+1	...	...	...
70	26	Christie	66	...	...	...	...
407½	228	Chubb Sec	402½	-1½	...	1.6	25.0
132	90	Comax▲	121	...	...	1.5	31.6
44	6½	Corp Services	42	...	...	...	...
91	20	Crusts Cstng	84	+1	...	...	...
179	50	Dart	170	...	3.3	2.4	23.1
274	198	Davis Service	267	...	...	3.7	20.1
124	85	EW Fact▲	124	...	4.4	4.5	14.2
32	11	Gardiner	30	...	0.4	1.8	20.8
317	215	Hays	314	...	...	2.1	27.4
288	174	Hogg Robinsn	288	+2	...	2.9	21.0
70	34	Holmes Protectn	37	...	...	...	2.3
359½	127	Hutch Whamp	352½	+9	...	1.4	29.2
2615½	975	ISS B DKr	2612½	...	...	0.8	18.0
657	475	Inchcape	601	+12	...	2.9	19.6
972	669	Johnson Clean	972	...	28.7	3.3	21.2
12	2½	Lep	7½	...	...	...	...
345	173	Mitie Gp	337	+14	4.0	1.5	28.1
1234½	893½	Manpower	1221½	...	...	...	...
71½	40½	Michael Page	71½	+½	1.8	3.1	30.4
279	115	Pentos▲	115	...	8.0	8.7	4.3
5½	2	Prime People▲	5	...	...	...	...
142	57	Proudfoot Alex	88	+12	...	21.3	4.9
423	337	RCO	385	...	15.2	5.1	∞
118	86	REA	106	...	2.0	2.4	...
125	43	Reed Executive	125	+1	...	...	...
156	105	Reliance Sec▲	128 †	-1	4.5	4.4	27.8
269½	178	Rentokil	262	-5	2.5	1.2	32.7
363	220	Rolfe & Nolan	363	...	...	2.6	24.9
399	319	Salvesen (C)	394 †	-1	...	2.6	25.5
57	26	Scott Pickford▲	35	...	0.8	1.8	17.8
11	5	Select Appt▲	11	+½	...	...	...
1338	605	Serco Gp	1338	...	15.3	1.2	37.0
352	83	Sherwd Cmp▲	114	...	...	7.7	3.3
130	90	Stanchley	106	+1	...	3.5	24.2
355	300	Warner Howrd	327	...	6.6	2.5	17.1
45	27	Welpac	35	...	...	...	...
29½	14	Wills Gp	29½	...	...	1.7	20.6

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	210	Allied Colloids	248 †	-3	...	2.2	22.8
1045	813	Amersham	1044	...	...	1.7	30.0
7	1½	Anglo Utd	3½	...	...	...	...
£119½	8025	BASF DM	£111¼	+268½	...	5.7	...
373	199	BTP	367 †	-3	...	3.2	29.5
£143½	£101¼	Bayer DM50	£135½	+231½	...	3.9	...
178	105	Blagden	161	...	6.5	5.0	17.4
165	93	Brent Chems	124	...	...	7.5	11.3
530	340	Br Bio-Tech	389	...	...	...	...
29	5	Cabrd Gp	7½	-1	...	...	21.5
184	126	Canning (W)	183	...	7.2	5.0	21.0
608	421	Courtaulds	528 †	+6	...	3.4	13.2
376	228	Croda	354	-2	...	2.7	20.9
149	103	Doeflex	124	...	4.6	4.6	9.5
271	175	Ellis & Everard	268 †	-1	...	3.3	25.6
42½	15½	Euro Colour	35½	...	0.8	3.1	17.0
351	259	Halstead (J)	344	...	...	2.4	17.0
241	150	Hickson	188	+5	...	5.3	17.4
£123½	8850	Hoechst	£112½	+37½	...	3.2	...
229	157	Holliday Chem	187	-1	...	2.5	17.2
805	608	ICI	789	+13	...	4.4	...
826	576	Laporte	825	+3	19.9	3.0	22.8
248	181	Leigh	231 †	-2	...	4.2	30.3
97½	35	MTM	58	+1	...	...	...
2309½	1462½	Norsk Hydro	2237½	-3½	...	1.2	32.2
473	370	Paterson Zoch	473	+2	...	3.3	16.0
428	360	-do- 'A'	428	+2	...	3.7	14.5
296	193	Plysu	235 †	...	...	3.7	20.0

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
303	173	Forwair	278	...	3.8	1.7	28.7
70	35	Sutcliffe Speak	63	...	...	...	...
485	412	Wardle Storeys	465	...	...	4.6	21.5
595	395	Wolstenholme R	593	...	17.0	3.6	20.3
465	310	Yorks Chem	448	-5	...	2.2	24.0
308	233	Yule Catto	306	...	...	2.5	19.1
869	593	Zeneca	808	-10	...	4.3	47.7

DRAPERY, STORES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	64	...	...	5.9	...
248	173	Allders	235	+1	...	3.2	17.5
410	287	Argos Plc	378	...	...	2.4	32.3
25	8	Ashley Group	10½	-½	...	2.2	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	92	...	0.1	0.1	...
387	278	Asprey	348 †	-1	5.2	1.9	21.4
195	94	Austin Reed	194	...	...	1.6	...
163	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	163	...	...	4.7	16.4
150	94	Bentalls	144	...	1.9	1.6	...
279	128	Betterware	142	+2	...	1.9	17.0
47	22	Blacks Leis	38 †	...	2.2	7.4	...
261	133	Body Shop	252	...	...	0.9	32.5
16½	9	Brown & Jackson	10	...	...	1.0	5.1
461	318	Brown (N)	458	+1	...	2.0	26.8
87½	60½	Burton	71½ ‡	-½	...	3.5	...
250	126	Cantors	230	+5	...	2.2	32.0
520	205	Church	520	...	12.5	3.0	46.3
180	97	Clinton Cards	165	...	4.3	3.3	19.9
287	212	Coats Viyella	280	...	...	3.3	38.7
120	78	Colourvision▲	105	...	5.6	6.8	18.4
181	154	Ctry Casuals	169	...	...	3.0	15.7
935	374	Courts Furnish	899	-1	5.6	0.8	11.1
155	115	Crown Eyes▲	155	...	7.5	6.0	10.6
137	89	Dairy Farm Intl	120½	-2½	...	3.0	17.7
109½	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	108½	-½	0.8	0.9	34.8
293	199	Dixons Grp	215 †	-3	...	3.7	...
21	8	ERA Gp	9	...	...	...	73.8
580	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	16.0	3.5	19.9
264	71	Essex Furn	264	...	...	1.7	42.2
273	203	Etam	262½	+3½	7.0	3.3	24.1
608	499	Fine Art Dev	557 †	...	13.0	2.9	18.1
70	26	Fired Earth Tiles	47	...	...	...	...
706	498	Forminster	706 †	+5	14.5	2.6	12.9
180	24	French Conna	152	-2	...	...	...
74	43	Gees SR	68	-1	...	3.9	21.1
100	23	Goldsmiths Gp	93	...	0.3	0.4	...
659	334	GUS	634	-5	...	2.3	19.2
40	21	Hampden Grp▲	25	...	...	5.0	12.4
277	30	Hartstone	89	...	...	...	...
33½	20	Helene Plc	31½	...	2.0	8.0	14.9
108	29	Heritage▲	108	...	...	...	...
86	38	Honeysuckle▲	75	+1	...	3.8	11.0
211	63	Jacques Vert	202	...	...	2.2	15.4
785	496	Kingfisher	661	-5	...	2.6	22.8
76	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	76	...	4.0	6.6	15.7
685	495	Liberty	545	...	7.2	1.7	64.3
380	241	Lloyds Chem	364	-9	...	2.5	12.8
177	120	MFI	176	+9	...	2.7	30.0
461½	311	Marks Spencer	454½	-5	...	2.3	23.2
664	445	Menzies (John)	654	+30	...	2.1	18.4
274	136	Moss Bros	271	...	5.5	2.5	31.8
251	139½	Next	246	-4	3.5	1.8	29.4
42	15	Oliver (G)	41	...	...	...	...
325	197	Oriflame Intl	310 †	...	...	4.0	15.2
63	24	Pentos	37	...	0.8	2.7	7.7
313	185	QS Hldgs	257	...	5.1	2.5	18.3
69½	20½	Rhino Grp▲	45	-2	...	...	...
201	120	Rosebys	200	...	...	3.0	24.0
181	135	Sherwood Gp	176	...	...	1.8	15.9
131½	93	Sears	126	-1	...	3.5	...
41½	11	Signet Group	34	-1½	...	...	...
545	400	Smith WH 'A'	541	-4	...	3.3	17.7
127	83	-do- B	126	...	...	2.8	20.6
20	4½	Specialeyes▲	16	...	...	...	...
252	176	Storehouse	247 †	+4	...	2.5	24.4
191	146	T & S Stores	165	...	6.0	4.5	12.1
173	71	Tie Rack	172	-1	1.0	0.7	28.2
263	160	Time Products	263	+1	7.7	3.7	22.7
131	63	Usher (Frank)▲	127	...	6.0	5.9	11.0
465	302	Vendome	463	...	...	1.7	21.6
45	27	Vivat	36	...	1.0	3.5	11.1
87	42	W&W Group	82	...	...	2.7	45.7
49	34	Wensum▲	48	-1	1.8	4.9	...
123½	76	Wickes	123	+4	...	0.2	55.9
84	45	Wid of Leather▲	82	...	...	...	...
195	142	Wyevale	194	...	...	2.8	29.7
4	2½	Xtra-vision▲	2½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	176	...	...	3.6	17.7
275	223	Acal▲	253 †	...	...	3.1	18.9
490	385	Admiral	488	...	5.7	1.5	30.6
175	104	Alba	175	...	...	3.5	19.8
50	19½	Alphameric	40½	-½	...	...	...
55	22	Amstrad	47½	-½	...	1.3	...
128	61	App Holo▲	93	-2	...	...	...
43	9½	Arlen	38	+4	...	...	...
88	35½	Astec	84½	+½	...	0.4	...
266	230	Axlan	265	...	...	1.4	31.5
283	224	Beales Hunter	278	-2	...	4.3	17.0
9	2	Bennett & Fount	4	...	...	...	...
478	319	BICC	468	-8	19.2	5.1	...
538	408	Blick	530	-5	...	2.4	19.3
1700	925	Borland▲	1050	-50	...	...	...
384	270	Bowthorpe	362 †	-3	...	2.4	24.0
489½	376	BT	482 †	-2	...	4.4	17.8
232½	150	BT P/P	204½	-1	...	4.3	21.9
20	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	20	...	0.1	0.6	...
160	48	Burnfield	72	+2	5.7	10.0	11.4
545	334½	Cable Wireless	534 †	-4	...	1.8	27.9
29½	11½	Chloride	29	...	...	...	...
276	229	CML Micro▲	273	...	4.7	2.2	19.8
137	74	Comptr People	136	...	...	...	...
186	108½	Cray Elect	186 †	+2	...	1.2	19.1
441	283	Critchley	440 †	...	...	1.4	25.3
554	414	Delta	553	+2	...	3.2	23.1
543	205	Dennans Ele	543	...	...	1.5	17.3
620	395	Domino	441	+1	7.4	2.1	15.1
77	48	Dowding Mills	78	...	...	4.1	32.6
1480	865	Druck▲	1480 †	...	10.3	0.9	31.6
599	358	Electrocomponents	566	-3	...	1.9	23.1
710	470	El Data Prc	580	...	5.5	1.2	∞
175	43	Electron House	170	-3	...	2.0	24.2
30½	10½	Emess	29½	+½	0.1	0.4	...
774	442	Eurotherm	765 †	...	...	1.6	26.0
211	108	FKI	208 †	...	...	2.0	30.5
656	340	Farnell Elect	636	-3	...	1.3	33.7
91	33	Feedback▲	74 †	...	...	3.4	10.0
330	181	First Tech	329	...	...	0.8	27.3
270	81	Forward Gp▲	240	...	4.0	2.1	17.0
22½	13½	Forward Tech	19	...	...	...	...
367½	264	GEC	336 †	-2	10.4	3.9	16.8
199	132	Graseby	189	+2	...	7.2	39.8
14	7½	Graystone	12½	+1	...	...	...
52	35	Hilldare▲	48	...	...	0.5	1.3
169	85	INSTEM▲	135	...	...	3.1	2.9
170	118	Ind Control	170	+6	...	3.2	17.1
388	320	Jones Stroud	378	-5	...	3.0	15.1
120	26	Kalamazoo	120 †	+4	2.7	2.8	27.9
19	8	Kembrey	12½	...	0.1	1.6	...
388	260	Kenwood App	387 †	...	...	2.5	21.7
265	47	Kewill Sys▲	265	+5	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	143	...	6.0	5.2	17.0
60	16	Laser-Scan▲	33	...	...	...	...
365	122	LBMS▲	144	...	0.7	0.7	20.3
300	205	Lec Refrig	255	...	9.0	4.4	...
170	129	Life Sciences	160	-1	3.7	2.9	17.3
310	164	Logica	310	...	...	1.6	35.7
55	44	LPA Ind▲	49	...	2.4	6.4	∞
229	162	MR Data Mngmt	199	+1	...	3.3	18.7
718	523	Macro 4	718	...	...	3.1	21.8
281	175½	Memtec-Sw▲	280	+10	...	1.6	24.8
3013	903	Micro Focus	1030	-10	...	...	10.0
183	144	Microgen	175 †	...	7.2	5.2	∞
37	23½	Microvitec▲	37	+1	...	...	...
541	357	Misys	541	...	...	1.6	19.8
584	98	Mitel	477	+10	...	...	...
171	108	MMT Comp▲	171	...	...	2.9	23.3
52	16	Molynx	25	-10½	1.3	6.5	...
272	202	MTL Inst▲	265	...	3.7	1.7	20.0
165	103	Mulstone Elect	141 †	...	3.5	3.1	25.6
228	116	Murray Enter	278 †	+3	...	1.8	∞
3209½	2812½	NYNEX	2634½	...	...	...	...
188	123	Neotronics	125	+1	2.6	2.6	∞
65	42	Newmark (L)	53	...	...	...	...
295	58	Norbain▲	294	...	...	0.6	22.6
75	20	Northamber	58	...	0.6	1.3	...
15½	5	Oceonics	7½	-½	...	...	...
338	195	Oxford Inst	338	...	4.6	1.7	23.2
81½	29	P & P	78	...	1.5	2.4	41.4
99	35	Peek	97	...	3.4	4.4	29.3
227	115	Pegasus▲	221	-1	...	3.6	56.7
£102½	4000	Philips Fn 4%	£102½	...	...	5.6	...
1615½	725	-do- Lmp nv	1605½	...	...	...	...
405	211	Phonelink▲	405	+2	...	...	...
327	171½	Plico	327	...	...	1.6	27.4
317	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	317	...	...	1.6	26.6
96	63	Plasmec▲	70	...	3.0	5.4	3.9
120	76	Pressac	109	...	...	2.9	23.1
234	81	Prior▲	232	-2	2.5	1.3	61.6
261	147	Racal Elect	219 †	+6	4.2	2.4	13.0
70	33	Radamec	50	...	...	3.8	10.7
70	24	Radius▲	36	...	2.2	7.4	13.1
98	61	Real Time▲	93	-3	...	4.0	19.1
35	15	Riva▲	20	...	...	...	25.4
628	367	Sage Gp	518 †	...	...	2.4	15.9
350	222	Sanderson Elec	348 †	...	9.9	3.6	14.8
89	49	Scantronic	84 †	...	3.1	4.7	23.0
205	117	Scholes Grp	200	...	...	3.1	25.9
375	270	Sema Gp	326	...	2.9	1.1	26.4
49	26	Silvermines	48	-1	...	2.6	...
81	37	Soundtracks▲	77	...	2.4	4.0	∞
2675	1737½	TDK	2265½	-90½	...	1.4	25.8
27	4½	TDS Circuits▲	15	-½	...	...	...
198	80	Telemetrix	159	-5	0.8	0.6	26.2
1106	809	THORN EMI	1105 †	+6	...	3.6	25.6
152	96	Thorpe FW	143	+2	...	2.3	16.7
103	23	Total Systems▲	42	+1	1.5	4.5	7.4
575	372	Tunstall	573 †	...	7.0	1.5	∞
295	164	Unitech	283	...	...	2.6	69.4
15	6	Verby	12½	...	...	...	...
35	22	Vistec▲	27	+1	0.3	1.7	15.9
624½	367	Vodafone	595 †	-2½	...	1.6	25.9
473	368	Volex	462 †	+2	18.1	4.9	19.0
26	11	Western Selecm	20 †	...	0.2	1.6	...
310	223	Wholesale Ftgs	310	...	11.7	4.7	32.9

ELECTRICITY

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
676	389	East Midlands	666 †	+6	...	3.9	11.8
704	399	Eastern Elect	677 †	+6	...	3.7	12.9
480½	304	Hydro-Elect	441	...	...	3.4	15.3
679	404	London Elect	673 †	+9	...	4.0	12.7
787	458	Manweb	780 †	+8	...	3.5	9.7
731	424½	Midlands Elec	711	+5	...	3.8	11.1
510	273	National Pwr	493	-2	...	2.8	12.2
741	441	Northern Elec	724 †	+7	...	3.9	9.4
283	100	Nthn Ireland	274	+3	...	3.2	13.1
768	439	Norweb	748 †	+5	20.8	3.5	10.7
577	273	PowerGen	569	-2	...	2.5	14.9
487	283	Scottish Power	449	-1	...	3.2	16.5
392	218	Seeboard	387 ‡	+4½	...	3.3	12.1
770	409	Sth Wales	734 †	+7	...	3.8	11.6
709	459	Sth Western	690 †	-10	...	3.8	10.2
724	406	Southern Elec	698 †	+1	...	3.7	9.2
692	455	Yorkshire Elec	670 †	+2	...	3.9	12.8

FINANCE, LAND

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	53	...	1.0	2.4	11.2
151	47	BWD▲	151	...	3.4	2.8	23.6
118	26	Baltic Plc	111	...	...	1.1	...
757	413	Caledonia	718	-2	...	2.7	26.7
2000	1075	Camellia	1900	...	...	2.0	7.2
363	343	Candover	358	...	10.4	3.6	...

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
385	71	Flextech▲	379 #	...	0.5	0.2	...
411	155	Govett	402	...	...	4.1	11.8
294	128	Ivory Sime	232 †	...	...	3.8	20.0
425	150	Johnson Fry	335	+5	...	...	...
240	154	Lon Forfaiting▲	239	...	8.7	4.6	17.4
84	47	Manakin	84	...	...	...	...
16½	3½	Nat Home Loan	15½	-½	...	...	0.3
51	40	Newmarket	53	...	...	...	...
348	346	Rathbone Bro	348	+2	6.5	2.3	21.1
26	17	Rutland Tst	24½	...	...	4.1	14.5
385	253	S & U	385	+17	10.2	3.3	14.3
103	49	Singer & Fried	100	...	...	3.0	...
1138	713	Sotheby	1113	...	...	3.1	...
165	113	S/P Capital	165	+15	3.0	2.5	68.0
206	183	Towry Law	204	...	...	2.8	20.0

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2558½	1487½	Amer Express	2082½	+25	...	...	...
1133	835	Henderson Ad	1130	+2	...	4.6	26.0
226	92	Invesco	219	...	...	1.7	...
317	164	Jardine Strat	307½	-7½	...	2.6	12.7
323	154	MAI	297	-6	...	3.9	18.8
733	380	MAM	733	...	16.0	2.7	18.8
1178	633	M & G	1178 †	...	...	2.7	24.7
461	109	Smith New Crt	460 †	+3	...	1.9	4.5
81	45	Trio Hldgs	60	...	2.5	5.3	∞

FOODS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
579	456	AB Food	577 †	...	...	3.2	11.9
77½	46½	ASDA Group	64 †	-½	1.6	3.2	...
368	170	Acatos & Hutch	363	-2	...	2.8	13.2
80	55	Albert Fisher	70	-1	...	6.7	15.5
407	246	Argyll	286 †	-6	...	4.9	10.3
262	160	Banks (S C)	201	...	9.0	4.3	11.6
402	305	Barr (AG)	326 †	+1	6.5	2.5	∞
85	56	Bensons Crsp▲	67	...	...	3.3	15.1
141	100	Berisford Intl	129 #	...	...	...	...
481	357	Booker	473	+1	...	5.7	41.0
52	35	Borthwick	50½	...	...	3.0	62.7
508	430	Brake Bros	497	-2	6.3	1.6	20.7
51	37	Budgen	41	...	...	4.0	12.4
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	531	+2	...	3.8	18.7
222	78	Carrs Milling	194 †	...	...	2.8	14.1
196	133	Cranswick	165 †	+3	...	6.1	15.6
22	8½	Cullens	16½	-½	0.5	3.8	47.4
384	119	Dalepak	132	-2	...	4.8	38.3
563	424	Dalgety	530	...	...	4.8	15.1
54	27	Daniels S	54	+4	...	0.6	...
294	191	Devro	294	+4	...	2.3	28.0
134	99	Everest	101	...	...	4.6	18.3
390	269	Farepak	390	...	5.7	1.8	24.0
10	3	Farringford	7½	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	77	...	...	6.7	25.6
125	78	Fyffes	100	...	...	1.6	18.0
483	256	Geest	286	+1	8.1	3.4	13.3
18	7	Global▲	16	...	0.5	3.9	24.9
68	43	Grand Central	61	...	0.8	1.6	...
203	139	Hazlewood Fds	169½	-4½	...	4.8	9.6
196½	131	Hillsdown	186	+1	8.8	5.9	14.6
250	146	Iceland Group	189	+2	...	2.3	11.9
131	92	JLI Group	109 †	...	...	5.4	12.1
853	542	Kwik Save	634	-12	...	3.6	11.4
262	144	Low (Wm)	191	+1	...	3.5	6.7
91	41	Matthews (B)	90	...	2.3	3.3	58.9
19½	11	Merchant Retail	16½	-1½	0.9	7.2	33.8
174	84	Morrison (W)	118	+1	...	0.9	15.3
243	177	Nichols (JN)	243	+10	3.5	2.9	17.6
291	207½	Nthn Foods	258 †	-1	...	4.1	12.6
20½	8	Nthmbria Fd▲	11	+½	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	203	...	...	3.8	11.2
306	205	Park Foods	300	+6	...	2.7	22.9
115	58	Perkins Food	77	...	...	7.2	8.8
121	47	PizzaExpress	118	...	...	0.5	24.9
9	1½	Regina Hlth▲	4½	...	...	...	...
584	380	Sainsbury J	457½	-2½	...	2.8	16.0
86	33	Sentry Farm▲	75	...	1½	2.5	13.5
225	90	Sims Food	119	...	...	6.8	22.9
467½	353½	Tate & Lyle	459 †	+4	...	3.5	12.3
273	176	Tesco	237½	-6	...	3.8	10.8
211	123	Thorntons	195	...	...	2.3	...
239	101	Trestle▲	220	-9	3.7	2.3	∞
434½	300	Unigate	430	+3	...	4.8	14.1
437	326	Utd Biscuits	384	-2	...	5.0	23.8
24½	18½	Usborne	20½	...	...	3.3	15.1
374	248	Watson & Phil	374 †	...	...	4.8	15.6
59	30½	West Trust	44 †	+1	...	7.7	...

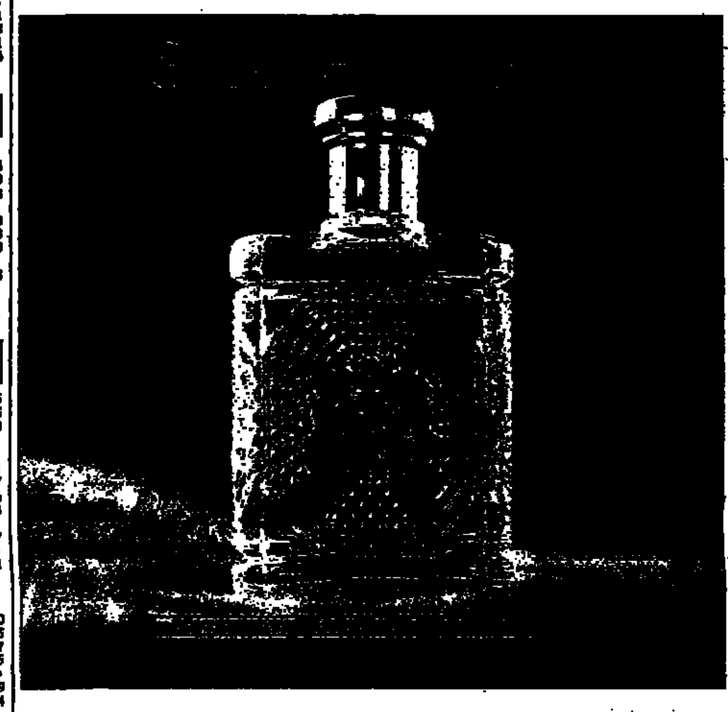
HOTELS, CATERERS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26	12	Airdn Stk Hs▲	26	...	...	...	...
94	77	City Centre Rest	93	...	1.5	2.1	22.4
285	170	Forte	266	-2	...	3.5	20.9
215	148	Friendly Hotels	194	+2	...	3.7	37.8
11½	5	Harmony Props▲	11½	...	...	...	...
168½	87	Jurys Hotel	157½	...	...	4.0	12.8
222½	142	Ladbroke	208	+1	11.1	6.7	17.8
100½	59	Mandarin Orntl	100½	+1½	...	3.3	25.0
2½	½	Regal Hotels▲	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
29½	11½	Ryan Hotels E	29	...	...	4.3	...
1025	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	990	...	...	7.0	0.9
83	34½	Stakis	83	+3	1.0	1.5	∞

INDUSTRIALS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	19	AAF Inds	41	-1	...	26.8	2.5
616	455	AAH	525 †	...	...	4.2	17.5
185	123	AIM	180	...	7.5	6.3	9.0
137	88	APV	136½	+1	...	4.9	...
238	81	ASW	167	+2	...	4.5	...
201	118	Adwest	198	...	...	4.5	19.1
29	10	Aerospace Eng	19	+1½	...	5.0	24.7
309	249	Airsprung	307 †	+1	...	1.9	19.6
204	113	Alexdra W	204	+4	4.1	2.5	32.3
13½	6½	Allied Radio	9½	+½	...	...	...
303	207½	Alumasc	303	+2	...	2.4	17.7
48	17	Alvis	42 †	...	1.0	3.0	∞
745	345	Amber Ind	745	...	...	3.2	17.1
59	45	Amberley Gp▲	58	+7	1.0	2.2	...
107	75	Anagen	80	...	...	...	...
145	65	Andrews Sykes	85	...	...	4.4	...
1355	703	Antofagasta	1353	...	...	1.5	25.0
59	37	Armour	57	+1	...	3.6	13.5
173	143	Ash & Lacy	173	...	6.4	4.6	17.7
4	2½	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	...	1.9	42.5
542	434	Avon Rubber	541 †	+1	...	3.6	∞
275	166	Assoc Nursg▲	275 †	...	...	0.5	16.9
687½	488	Atlas Equip	493	...	...	5.6	12.4
81	35	Ayrshire Metal	66	...	...	...	...
220½	147	BBA	218	-1	...	4.3	18.5
115	28	BLP Group▲	115	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	38½	-2	...	2.2	...
770	590	BOC	696 †	-1	...	4.2	16.6
79½	50	BSG	74	...	...	5.4	25.8
578	383	BSS Group	578	...	...	3.7	32.3
409½	318	BTR	392	-3	...	3.8	20.2
222	147	BWI	166	...	...	5.0	15.4
50	25½	Babcock	42½	...	...	3.5	25.2
11	4½	Bailey (CH)	9½	...	...	...	...
289	228	Baird (Wm)	255	-4	8.9	4.4	17.7
1063½	400	Barlow Rand	418½	+6½	...	7.8	7.8
72	48	Baynes (Charles)	72	+1	...	2.6	28.5
28½	14	Bearing Power	23	+½	0.7	4.1	∞
15	4	Beaufort	4½	...	...	...	...
10	2	Beckenham▲	3½	...	...	...	...
35	15	Bedford (W)▲	32	...	...	...	...
26	15	Benson Group	18	...	...	...	...
707	288	Bespak	354 †	...	10.2	3.6	11.1
133	55	Bibby (J)	68	+1	2.0	3.7	∞
312	129	Billam (J)	203	...	5.3	3.5	10.2
41	21½	Bilston Batsn▲	30	...	...	...	...
11½	2	Bimec Ind	6½	-1½	...	...	...
261	118½	Birkby	260	...	3.7	1.8	13.5
45	29	Black Arrow	41	+1	2.1	6.4	12.9
1½	½	Black & Edgtn▲	1½	...	...	...	...
270	136	Black (Peter)	220	...	3.7	1.7	23.7
590	129	Bluebird Toys▲	585	+2	4.5	1.0	17.8
322	230	Bodycote	311	+1	...	2.1	19.9
40	23	Bogod 'A'	35 †	...	0.7	2.5	13.0
609	416	Boots	561½ ‡	+½	...	3.0	22.2
61	39	Booth Inds	54	...	...	...	...
524	402	Bowater	511	-5	...	2.9	21.4
1681½	1187½	Bowater Inc	1556½	-50	...	...	...
279	199	Braemore Ind▲	269	+10	3.7	1.8	20.1
19	12½	Braeway	17 †	+½	...	3.8	...
321	204	Brammer	318	...	13.0	5.1	23.7
29	12	Bridgend Gp	27	...	0.4	...	...
136	64	Bridon	136	...	...	3.7	...
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	75 †	...	...	4.2	...
55	31	Brierley Inv	53½	-½	...	6.3	13.2
308	190	Br Bldg & Eng	235	...	8.0	4.3	∞
124	42	Br Bloodstock▲	109	-4	...	...	...
528	415	Br Polythene	464	+4	...	2.8	16.6
135½	54	Br Steel	132½	+4	...	1.4	...
195	115	Br Thornton	156 †	...	...	4.1	16.0
298	215	Br Vita	289	-2	7.3	3.2	17.8
15½	5½	Britton Grp	14½	+½	...	1.5	...
893	355	Broken Hill	856½	-29½	...	2.1	38.8
112	78	Bromsgrove Ind	102 †	-1	...	5.4	13.3
11½	6½	Brooks Tool	10½	...	...	...	...
73	36	Brown & Tawse	67	-3	...	...	...
173	91	Bullough	173	+1	6.0	4.4	28.6
24	11½	Business Tech▲	15½	...	...	...	...
24	12	CI Group	16	...	0.5	4.5	15.4
42	11	Campbell & Arm	40	-1	...	...	...
39	6½	Cannon St	30½	+½	...	...	...
263	205	Cape	260	...	...	5.0	17.8
455	254	Caradon	441	-6½	...	2.5	35.6
215½	128	-do- pf	212	-1½	7.2	4.3	...
293	178	Carclo Eng	283	...	8.7	3.9	20.0
2887½	2025	Carnaud Mtl	2318½	-15½	...	2.7	∞
104	68	Cassidy Bros▲	100 †	...	...	3.0	16.4
235	158	Castings	233	+1	4.6	2.5	16.4
71	53	Cathay Intl	64	...	...	...	...
250	217	Celltech	219	...	...	...	...
195	113	Chamberlin Hill	180	...	6.5	4.5	11.2
707	605	Charter	797	+4	...	3.5	12.2
345	220	Chemring	330 †	...	...	3.4	17.1
92	48	Chelsfield Gp▲	46	...	4.5	12.2	9.9
45½	15½	Chillington	42	...	1.0	3.0	...
235	144	Christies Intl	234	+1	...	0.8	58.1
80	34	Claybithe	80	+2	...	3.9	...
150	35	Clayton Son	130	-3	...	...	...
425	285	Cohen (A)	425	...	3.4	1.0	...
265	179	Community H	265	+1	...	3.3	18.1
246	180½	Concentric	238	+3	5.8	3.1	...
282	120	Cook (Wm)	281	...	6.0	2.7	17.0
273	182	Cookson	259	-1	...	2.9	34.3
95	38	Copymore▲	95	...	...	1.3	20.0
238	130	Crawl Pkr 'A'	151	-2	...	4.7	20.4
178	92	Cosalt	137 †	+7	...	4.9	...
265	150	Creighton Nt▲	265 †	...	7.4	3.5	19.0
48	27	CrestaCare	40	...	0.6	2.0	34.6
4006½	2997½	Dana	3993½	+18½	...	...	...
345	78½	Danka Bs Sys	332 †	+2	...	0.6	31.6
274	193	David Brown	273	...	...	2.7	19.4
22	5	Davies (DT)▲	18	...	...	...	...
964	682	De La Rue	956 †	-1	...	2.5	23.0

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38	16	Dinkie Heel	37	...	1.1	3.7	29.5
622	301	Diploma	598	-2	...	2.5	24.0
97	50	Dobson Park	97 †	...	...	4.8	22.0
119	92	Dyson (J&J)	115	...	5.0	5.4	21.2
83	57	-do- 'A'	81	...	5.0	7.7	14.9
16½	8	EFG	16	...	...	...	...
440	358	EIT	435	+2	...	3.5	17.2
28	19	Eldrf	24	...	...	...	...
53	19	Eleco	53	...	...	...	...
2822½	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2253½	...	...	1.9	...
78	43	Elliott (B)	77	...	...	...	...
548	394	Eng China Cl	523	-2	...	4.8	30.4
144	111	Enviromed	143	...	...	...	...
3962½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	3109½	-84½	...	0.9	...
86	32	Eurocopy	83½	...	1.7	2.6	∞
87	47	Expamet	72	...	...	4.2	17.2
763	499	Fairey Group	763	+5	10.7	1.8	23.5
128	47	Fenner	128	+7	...	...	...
90	32	Ferraris Group	89	...	...	2.8	13.2
29	11	Ferrum	11	...	1.4	15.9	7.7
66	28	Fife Indmar	63	...	...	5.5	...
251	102	Fisons	138	-3	...	7.9	12.8
60	29	Flowline	60 †	...	...	7.3	...
288	215	Fogarty	263	...	...	3.8	12.0
51	33	Folkes Group nv	48	+4	1.5	3.9	27.2
126	56	French (Thomas)	126	...	3.6	3.7	∞
263	162	Frost Group	263	...	...	2.1	34.1
88	70	GEI Intl	80	...	...	3.9	...
607	434	GKN	602	+1	...	4.3	40.2
54	42	GR Hldgs	54	+3	...	...	...
134	79	Garton Eng	134	...	4.1	3.8	...
175	108	Gestetner	171	-2	3.0	2.2	∞
68	23	Glevum	63	-2	...	...	45.6
801	509	Glaxo	661	...	...	4.2	17.3
38½	16	Glenchewton	38	...	...	...	...
389	245	Glynwed	388	-1	11.6	3.8	36.6
165	66	Goode Durrant	165 †	...	...	...	...
185	102	Grampian Hld	177	...	5.5	3.9	30.7
592	341	Granada	586 †	-3	...	1.9	23.2
465	302	Great Ptrtns▲	464	...	11.4	3.1	18.1
117	73	Green (Ernest)▲	83	...	...	10.5	12.6
19½	8½	Greenacre	14½	...	...	2.6	14.3
17	5	Guardian Grp▲	6 #	...	...	...	...
71	30½	Haden Macln	70½	-½	...	3.5	25.4
102	44	Hadleigh Inds▲	92	-1	1.0	1.4	...
302	115	Hall Eng	302	+1	8.6	3.6	25.2
235	161	Halma	223 †	...	...	1.2	27.9
69	30	Hampson Ind	69	+1	1.7	3.1	22.6
285½	222	Hanson	278½	-1	...	5.1	20.7
221	146	Harris (Philip)	157 †	-2	...	5.5	9.5
220	147	Harrisn Crsfld	214	-2	9.0	5.3	30.9
170	38	Havelock Euro	170	+1	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	36	-2	...	...	...
40	17	Headway	38	...	...	2.3	...
13½	½	Healthcare	1¼	...	...	...	0.5
511	301	Hepworth	508	+5	14.8	3.7	21.7
228	154	Hewitt (J)	185	...	3.2	2.2	14.5
57½	15	High-Point	53	...	0.5	1.2	...
203	112½	Hill & Smith	194	-1	6.2	4.1	∞
30	6½	Hobson▲	20	+2½	...	...	...
176	87	Holders Tech▲	174	...	6.0	4.3	22.7
63	30	Hopkinsons	60	-2	0.9	1.9	45.4
195	133	Hornby▲	194	...	9.0	5.8	18.3
97	54½	Howden	94	+1	...	3.0	14.8
260	173	Hunting	255	...	...	4.9	21.5
513	289½	Huntingh Tec▲	488	+12	...	2.5	12.6
379	267	IMI	361	-4	...	3.5	32.0
131	90	ISA Intl	131	+1	1.5	1.5	20.4
205	131	Intercare Gp▲	164 †	...	3.5	2.7	∞
295	235	Isotron	285	...	4.3	1.8	17.1
707	360	Jardine Math	672½	-16	...	1.9	26.4
606	425	Johnson Mathy	593 †	-7	...	2.2	23.1
64	35½	Johnson & FB	42½	+½	...	4.0	40.5
177	104	Johnston	169	...	3.2	...	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	30	...	...	...	...
36	18	Jourdan (T)	35	...	0.7	2.7	...
178	73	Kalon	168	...	...	2.8	23.3
297	195	Kelsey Ind	233 †	...	8.0	4.3	∞
805	465	Kenshaw (A)	765	-25	22.0	4.5	∞
276	75	Kleeneze	274 †	...	1.0	0.5	∞
164	61	LGW▲	159	...	3.4	2.7	13.2
413	266	Laird	413	+7	...	3.2	20.3
157½	103	Lilleshall	155	+6	...	3.5	20.4
223	97	Lincat▲	212	...	...	3.5	14.9
51	4½	Lincoln Hse▲	45	+2½	...	...	37.1



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128	76	Linread	114	...	3.8	4.2	17.6
353	170	Linton Park	353	...	...	5.0	12.7
15½	9½	Lionheart	12½	+½	0.2	2.0	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	20½	+2½	0.8	5.2	29.8
274	97	Lon Intl	170	-3	6.2	4.6	...
151	70	Lonrho	145	-1	4.0	3.4	...
408	259	Low & Bonar	402	-1	...	2.9	36.3
49	14½	ML Hdgs	48	...	...	...	...
67	27	MS Intl	65 †	-2	...	4.8	39.9
59	39	MY Holdings	51 †	...	...	3.1	13.5
265	168	Macfarlane	265	...	...	1.6	30.0
497½	379	McKechnie	484	-2	...	3.8	23.3
127	85	McLeod Russel	121	...	...	6.3	17.8
106	63	Magnolia	101	...	0.1	0.1	16.2
132	71	Mang Bronze	132	+1	2.5	2.4	∞
25½	19½	Marling	25½ ‡	+1½	...	4.2	...
231	124	Mayborn▲	228	-2	5.2	2.9	17.5
62	29	Mayflower	60	...	...	0.9	50.1
236	85	Medeva	168	+1	...	1.8	19.6
118	88	Meggitt	116	...	...	4.1	19.7
125	98	Metalrax	120	...	...	3.9	19.6
154	112	Metrotec	127 †	-1	...	3.2	17.6
103	70	Metsec▲	103	...	...	...	...
114	29	Midstates	108	-2	...	0.9	15.0
5½	½	Middlesex▲	5½	...	...	...	...
575	368	Molins	553	+1	...	3.3	13.3
408	282	Morgan Crble	401	-7	...	3.9	21.0
192	134	Morris Ashby▲	192	...	5.7	3.8	14.4
43½	18	Neepsend	43½	+½	1.0	2.9	58.4
79	34	Neltor-BNA	77½	...	3.1	5.1	18.5
249	122	Nobo Gp	237 †	...	5.3	2.8	23.4
212½	122½	Nortrus	205 †	-1	...	4.3	20.0
51	33	Novo Group	34 †	...	...	4.0	10.9
413	310	Nu-Swift	398	...	...	...	∞
81	36	Office Elec Mac	50	...	...	...	...
64	21	OMI Intl	64 †	...	...	3.4	...
165	123	PCT▲	165	...	7.2	5.5	18.7
91	36	Pecor Systems▲	77	...	...	5.6	...
43	31	Pennec	33	...	...	...	...
138	87½	Pendland	120	-2	...	2.7	16.3
395	283	Photo-Me	305	-2	4.6	1.9	19.7
204	97½	Pilkington	199 †	...	...	1.6	...
104	68	Plasmabrook	104	...	3.1	3.7	16.4
185	125	Polypipe	180	...	2.1	1.5	24.3
42	15	Porter Chadbrn	21	-1	...	2.2	10.5
14½	5½	Porth Gp▲	12½	...	...	...	...
375	272	Powerscreen	333 †	-2	...	2.6	17.3
21½	16½	Prospect Inds	20½	...	...	4.9	11.7
65	37½	RPS Group▲	64	+1	2.3	4.5	14.1
95	73	Radiant Metal	82	...	...	...	...
186	77	Ransom Oil▲	165	+2	1.0	0.8	55.2
1090	636	Rank Org	1089	+15	...	3.6	23.5
33	13	Ransomes	21	+2	...	...	...
725	522	Reckitt Colm	677	-4	...	3.1	15.6
77	50	Record	70	...	3.6	6.4	34.4
7½	2½	Reece	5	-½	...	...	...
282	137	Relyon	282	...	5.0	2.2	33.8
308	208	Renishaw	308	...	...	2.6	36.6
135	55	Renold	135 †	+½	...	1.6	...
1945	1240	Reuters	1905	+8	22.1	1.5	31.5
87	24½	Rexmore	84	...	2.0	3.1	...
233	91	Ricardo Group	200	...	...	3.6	28.3
76	58	Richards (Leics)	71	...	3.7	6.6	...
105	63	Richardson West	102	...	3.0	3.7	26.1
138	109	Ropner	138	...	8.2	7.5	19.6
136	97	-do- 'A'	134	...	8.2	7.7	19.0
28	14	Rossi Gp	23½	+2½	0.8	5.5	9.6
195	131½	Rotork	188	+1	...	3.5	22.0
190	89	Rubicon	172	...	...	3.2	23.9
75	43	Russell (A)	75	...	...	0.8	...
38	15	SEP Indl	38 †	...	0.8	2.7	∞
1268½	825	SKF 'B'	1206½	-38½	...	1.8	...
263½	205	Scapa	259 †	...	...	1.2	...
238	179	Scholl	195	-2	...	2.7	19.3
323	277	Scotia	287	...	...	4.0	14.2
1268	917	Securicor	1243	...	...	0.3	35.2
1035	362	-do- 'A'	985	+1	...	0.4	27.9
859	465	Security Serv	857	...	5.6	0.8	∞
143	77	Senior Eng	143	...	...	2.8	23.8
361	278	Seton Health	327 †	...	...	2.3	19.3
166	80	Shiloh	150	+2	3.0	2.5	16.2
344	271	Sidlaw	335 †	...	...	3.8	16.6
600	427	Siebe	597 †	+4½	...	2.2	21.1
383	220	Silentnight	375	...	...	2.7	20.3
187	102	Sime Darby	145	...	...	3.7	∞
142	32	Simon Eng	128	-1	...	...	...
259	180	Sinclair (Wm)	271	+1	...	4.1	16.4

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
47	35	Six Hundred	43	-2	...	4.4	...
164	134	Smith & Neph	155½	-1	...	3.8	17.3
513	373	Smithkline	432	-4	9.6	2.8	15.6
480	340	Smithkline U/s	398	-1	...	3.0	13.5
527½	320	Smiths Ind	499	-1½	...	3.0	20.0
140	58	Slim Bus	88 †	-1	...	5.3	4.6
530	265	Spandex▲	530	...	...	1.6	22.6
680	300	Spear (JW)	680	...	4.5	1.0	10.3
392½	314	Spirax-Sarco	392	...	...	3.0	24.6
145	44	Spring Ram	72	+1	...	0.9	...
270	202	Staveley	257	-2	...	4.1	14.5
294	125	Sterling Ind	234 †	+1	...	1.2	35.9
230	97	Stoves	206	-3	9.0	5.5	21.6
411	244	Swire Pacific 'A'	385½	+5½	...	1.6	∞
7	1	Sycamore	3½	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	56	...	3.0	6.9	10.7
175	120	Syltone	175 †	...	...	3.4	25.3
455	279	TI	428	-1	...	3.2	28.2
44	12	TLS Range▲	41	-1	0.2	0.8	...
373	211	TT Group	370	+1	...	2.2	22.8
292	201	Takare	278	-2	...	0.8	24.2
868	618	Telmida Chem	721½	-26	...	0.9	13.7
98	24	Tex Hldgs	98	...	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley (E)▲	101 †	...	...	6.9	17.4
240	150	Tibbett	219 †	...	4.2	2.4	∞
283	222½	Tomkins	281 †	-1	...	2.8	20.7
113	99	Trafalgar H	107 ‡	-2½	...	3.8	...
116	61	Transfer Tech	88	+3	3.2	4.5	11.1
190	120	Triplex Lloyd	158 †	+1	...	5.5	19.0
302	234	UniChem	297	+2	6.4	2.7	19.4
415	279½	Unidare	413	+10	...	3.1	∞
76	11½	Unigroup	37	...	...	...	...
1249	938	Unilever	1193	+3	22.3	2.3	16.2
8112½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	7739½	+79½	...	2.7	12.0
24½	9	Utd Inds	15½	...	...	...	...
970	513	VSEL	970	...	...	3.9	10.5
19½	6½	Vernon	19½	...	...	...	...
193½	98½	Vickers	186	+1	...	1.5	...
387	243	Victaulic	318	...	...	3.1	15.6
498	285	Vislon	484	+1	...	1.9	22.5
727	427	Vosper Thorny	727	+5	...	1.8	16.8
48	33	WSP Hldgs	46	...	...	2.3	12.0
480	368	Wagon Ind	478 †	...	...	4.6	21.1
8½	1½	Wakebourne	3½	...	...	...	12.7
112	71	Walker Greenbk	111	...	3.1	3.5	28.3
304	201	Wassall	302	+2	2.7	1.1	30.5
51	22	Watford Widgerd	49	...	...	...	...
384	292	Weir	334	-3	...	3.3	18.6
593	419	Wellcome	582	+4	...	3.2	14.3
30	16	Wellman	27½	...	0.9	4.1	44.3
400	260	West Hldcare	400	+1	...	1.2	25.7
515	403	Whatman	515	...	9.7	2.4	17.4
353	211	Whessoe	344 †	...	...	4.2	11.5
103	27	Whitecroft	103	...	...	...	...
12½	4½	Widney	11½	...	...	...	...
143	44	Wilkes (James)	142	-1	3.5	...	41.5
421	289½	Williams Hldg	418	+4	12.5	3.7	21.9
46½	17	Wilshaw	44½	...	...	1.5	28.0
916	553	Wolseley	911 †	+2	...	1.8	27.2
155	125	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	1.5	1.2	58.5
46	35	Wyko	40	...	...	1.6	...
88	38	Young (H)	78	...	3.3	5.3	∞

INSURANCE

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1983½	1195½	Alex & Alex	1406½	-6½	...	4.7	...
2406½	1787½	Am Gen	1975	+62½	...	3.7	...
86	30	Archer (AJ)	79 †	-3	...	1.6	...
156	118	Bradstock	155	+1	5.5	4.6	∞
519	389½	Britannic	518	...	...	2.8	...
709	536	Com Union	709	+13	...	4.3	...
1790	1225	Dom & Gen	1780	+7	...	1.6	23.1
63	18	EAI	58	-3	...	...	...
187	166	Fenchurch Grp	187	+3	...	4.8	16.7
757	546	Gen Accident	738	+10	26.7	4.5	...
239	160	GRE	239	+2	7.1	3.7	19.8
457	283	Heath C E	430	...	...	4.7	...
228	148	Hogg Gp	187	-2	8.1	6.1	15.1
301	255	Independent Ins	301	+1	...	3.4	27.6
215	182	IIB Group	195	...	...	4.8	20.0
547	408½	Legal & Gen	543	...	...	4.5	33.0
1271½	708½	Liberty Life	1196½	-15½	...	2.6	19.0
121	99	LIMIT	118	...	...	...	...
471	403	Lloyds Abbey	446	-11	17.3	4.8	16.0
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	308	...	6.7	2.7	19.1
443	274	Londn & Man	405	-5	14.7	4.6	29.7
375	321	Lowndes Lmb	369 †	...	14.0	3.8	16.5
6743½	5256½	Marsh McLn	5437½	-26	...	3.5	...
159	139	Nelson Hurst	158	...	...	4.4	15.6
130	76	Ockel	121	...	...	5.2	...
83	50½	PWS	81 †	...	4.0	6.2	∞
385	282	Prudential	332	-9	...	4.4	23.4
404	285	Refuge	380	-10	...	3.5	42.4
347	248	Royal	341	+12	...	2.4	...
204	150	Sedgwick	200	...	...	3.6	24.7
261	100	Steel Burrill	126	-4	...	11.9	7.4
80	48	Sturge Hldgs	76	...	...	5.1	62.8
418	307	Sun Alliance	404	+14	14.2	4.4	...
88	50	Trade Indemnity	85	...	...	4.2	...
418	239	Transatlantic	418	+3	12.0	3.6	38.8
773	489	Utd Friendly	648	...	15.1	2.9	28.2
245	171	Willis Corroon	237	-2	...	3.5	34.0
25	13½	Windsor	23	...	...	...	18.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2034	1548	Alliance	2009	-4	45.5	2.8	...
161	124	BZW Conv	154½	-½	7.8	6.3	...
212	133½	Bankers	211 †	...	3.6	2.2	...
372	284	Baring Tribune	369	...	6.4	2.2	...
229	131	Berry Starq	228	+1	2.2	1.2	...
130½	98½	Br Assets	118½	-1	...	4.6	...
98	57½	Br Empire Sec	97	...	...	1.2	...
44	14	-do- Wnts	43	...	...	...	...
224	156	Br Inv	224	...	4.6	2.6	...
282	174	Brunner	280	...	5.2	2.6	∞
221	130	Contl Asset	207	-2	2.4	1.4	...
195	143	Derby Inc	158	...	...	11.3	...
325	195	-do- Cap	320	-5	...	...	...
97	62	Drayton Blue	96	...	1.4	10.9	...
102	55	-do- Eng Intl	102	+1	1.0	1.2	...
150½	84	-do- Far East	141	+2	0.6	0.6	...
165½	95	-do- Korea	162	...	0.5	0.4	...
784	576	Dunedin Inc G	779	-3	...	4.1	...
100	76	-do- Japan	92	+½	...	...	...
65	34	-do- Warrants	60	+1	...	...	...
807	513	-do- Wwde	793	-5	...	1.5	...
331	222	Dundee & Lon	331 †	...	...	3.4	...
353½	250½	Edinburgh	347	-2	8.5	3.1	...
352	183	Electra Inv	342 †	...	7.0	2.6	∞
210	141	Electric Gen	209 †	...	3.1	1.9	...
124	85	English Scot	124	...	...	...	...
341	205	European Asset	335	-1	...	...	2.1
165	77	Finsbury 'A'	164½	+2½	3.0	2.3	...
330	249	Fleming Amer	329	+1	0.8	0.3	...
145	91	Fleming Chinese	126	...	...	...	...
92	51	-do- Warrants	85	-1	...	...	...
253	180½	-do- Claver	252	...	...	2.7	...
364	212	-do- Contl	359½	...	2.7	0.9	...
242	147	-do- Emrg	242	+½	...	2.4	...
459	213	-do- F East	404	...	1.1	0.3	...
400	246	-do- Fledg	399	...	3.0	0.9	...
122	93	-do- Hi Inc	112	...	...	4.9	...
260	126	-do- Japan	240	+4	...	0.2	...
340½	250	-do- Merc	337½ ‡	...	6.7	2.5	...
335	212	-do- Overs	328	...	4.2	1.6	...
300½	203	Foreign & Col	299	-1	...	1.4	...
140	58½	-do- Emg Mkts	133	+1	0.2	0.2	∞
79½	44	-do- Enterprise	78	...	0.4	0.7	...
252	164	-do- Eurotst	247	-1	...	0.6	...
145	87	-do- German	125	-2	0.5	0.5	...
397	191	-do- Pacific	336	+7	...	0.4	...
186½	136	-do- Smaller	186½ ‡	...	1.8	1.2	...
276	145	GT Japan	262	+7	...	0.6	...
185	65	Genl Cons Cap	181	...	...	...	...
123½	98½	-do- Inc	112	...	...	9.4	...
170	115	Govett Am Smlr	176	+1	...	...	...
144	94	-do- Eng Mkts	127	...	...	...	...
429	184	-do- Oriental	390	+2	0.6	0.3	...
339½	207	-do- Strategy	335	...	...	2.5	...
451	340	Greenfriar	452	+1	...	1.3	...
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
134	124	Inv Cap	151	...	...	4.2	...
114	77	Inv UK Smllr	113	...	2.8	2.1	...
236	159½	Kleinwort Chrt	231½	+½	5.1	2.8	∞
264	176	-do- O'seas	259½	-½	3.3	1.6	...
159	108	-do- Smlr	159	...	...	2.8	...
826	540	Law Debenture	819	-1	18.5	2.8	...
226	164	Majedie	226	...	...	2.8	...
320	221	Merchants	319 †	...	...	4.3	...
3349½	1850	Merrill Lynch	2758½	-18½	...	...	...
392	303	Monks Inv Tst	370 †	-4	...	1.5	...
154	105	Morg Gren Inc	152	...	4.5	3.7	∞
62	23	Do Warrants	62	...	...	...	...
66	39	Murray Euro	64½	...	0.1	0.3	...
23½	4½	Do Wts	21½	...	...	...	...
399	282	Murray Income	381 †	-2	10.9	3.6	...
395	303	-do- Intl	387 †	-5	11.6	3.7	...
544	303	-do- Small	536	-3	...	1.0	...
103	89½	-do- S/C Inc	96	...	...	13.8	...
168	73	-do- S/C Cap	168	+2	...	...	...
3400	2750	-do- S/C Utl	3400	...	...	3.0	...
160	142½	-do- S/C DP	159½	...	...	...	...
359	230	-do- Vent	359	...	...	2.8	...
95	68	Nwthrog Inc	95	...	6.7	9.8	...
386	249	O'seas Inv Tst	379	-2	...	1.0	...
647	305	Pacific Assets	582	+2	1.1	0.2	...
565	187	Do Warrants	489	+1	...	...	...
9950	7450	Personal Assets	8950	...	19.0	2.7	...
199	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	182	-1	1.1	0.8	...
127	108	River & Merc	125	...	9.2	9.2	...
465	350	Robeco	450	...	...	2.9	...
439	346	Rolinco	439	...	...	1.8	...
315	234	St Andrew Inv	315	+6	7.8	3.1	∞
183	131	Scot American	177½	-1	...	3.3	...
371	136	Scot Asian	330	+1	...	...	...
1090	225	do Warrants	985	...	...	...	...
99½	69½	-do- Eastern	93½	...	1.5	2.1	...
299	183	Scottish	252 †	-1	4.9	2.4	∞
264½	178	-do- Mrge	255	-2	4.0	2.0	...
127½	77	-do- Value	126	+½	1.8	1.8	∞
1791	1200	Second Alliance	1783	+2	...	2.7	...
105	74½	Sect Tst of Scot	102½	-½	3.2	3.9	...
176	109½	Selective Asst	175	...	1.4	1.0	∞
47½	14	Sphere Inv	47½	...	3.1	8.2	...
205	112	TR Far East	187	+3	...	3.3	...
170	126	TR City Of Lon	169½ ‡	...	...	3.5	...
249	150	TR Pacific	228	+1	0.3	0.2	...
43	17	TR Property	41½	-½	0.9	2.7	...
144	47	TR Tech Inv	144	...	1.7	1.5	...
274½	146	TR Smlr Cos	224	-1	...	2.1	...
412	283	Temple Bar	406	...	13.2	4.1	...
155	89	Thmtn Asian E	128	+1½	0.5	0.5	...
96	54	Throgmorton	93½	...	2.3	3.1	...
557	365	Thmg Dual Cp	546	...	...	...	...
264	178	USDC Invest	264	+1	4.5	2.1	...
122	79½	Value Inc Tst	122	...	4.0	4.1	...
930	542	Whitbread Inv	925	...	16.5	2.3	...
256½	181	Witan	249½	-½	5.6	2.8	...

LEISURE

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
575	269	Airtours	575 †	+7	...	2.0	18.3
64	41	Aid Leis	45	...	...	5.3	14.7
688	194	Anglia TV	651	-4	...	1.8	30.3
111	63	Baldwin	108	...	4.6	5.3	14.7
384	192	Barr & W 'A'	384	+5	10.0	4.4	18.5
1365	930	Boosey Hwks	1325	+10	22.0	2.2	18.4
183	90	Border TV▲	180	+5	3.6	2.5	16.1
16	4	Bren Walker	6½	...	...	...	...
150	48	Bristol Scott	103	+3	...	...	...
9	2½	Buckingham Int	6	...	...	...	...
282	44	Campari	58	+5	8.7	18.9	...
397	171	Capital Radio	397	+1	5.7	1.8	∞
1047	520	Carlton Comm	998	-8	...	2.4	22.5
278	158	Castle Comm▲	277	...	...	3.8	18.4
3130	1615	Central TV	3055	-10	39.0	1.6	33.3
124	61	Chrysalis	118 †	...	3.2	3.4	...
730	470	Compass Gp	726	-2	...	2.2	20.0
390	175	Eurocamp	264	-1	9.7	4.6	10.9
1180	268	Euro Disney	405½	-½	...	2.9	...
8	1½	Euro Leisure	2½	...	...	...	...
39½	18	Ex-Lands	39	...	...	1.1	...
407	245	Fairline Boats	404	+14	...	3.3	37.4
378	232	First Leisure	337	+3	6.5	2.5	∞
385	71	Flextech▲	379 #	...	0.5	0.2	...
770	298	GWR Gp▲	770	+17	9.0	1.5	∞
259	149	Grampian	259	+1	6.5	3.1	17.9
22	4½	Greenwich Comm▲	15	...	...	...	...
121	19	HTV Group	127½	...	...	...	56.6
88	30	Hi-Tec Sports	87	...	...	3.2	...
15½	9½	Kunick	15½	-½	...	...	14.3
703	405	LWT Hldgs	701	+2	...	0.9	32.4
600	227	Man Utd	580	+4	...	4.2	23.4
48	7½	Northern	44	+½	...	...	8.5
148	59	Owners Abrd	100	+2	3.9	4.9	8.0
88	33	The Pelican Gp	86	...	1.1	1.6	20.2
181	55	Prism Leisure▲	178	...	3.2	2.3	16.5
42	16	Quadrant Grp	37	...	...	...	...
478	274	Radio Clyde▲	478 †	+3	...	2.5	21.3
210	132	Ramsdens (H)	206	-4	4.5	2.7	27.3
553	410	Scot TV	523	+4	10.3	2.5	25.7
94	37	Southern Radio	92 †	...	...	1.7	40.7
338	168	Stanley Leisure	333	...	3.2	2.0	26.1
10	5½	Sunleigh▲	7½	...	...	...	...
145	115	Sunset & Vine	130	...	3.5	3.4	19.9
420	349½	Tanjong	349½	...	...	0.5	18.7
1	½	Tickatulip▲	½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	94 †	...	...	2.7	4.9
100	44	Trans World▲	95	...	0.8	1.1	34.6
603	224	Ulster TV	603	-1	12.0	2.5	18.6
137	62	Vardon	132	...	0.8	0.8	31.2
234	130	Yorkshire TV	233	+5	12.0	6.4	7.8
120	83	Zetters Gp	115	...	8.0	9.0	12.6

MINING

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
6518½	1800	Am Gold	5987½	-130	...	3.7	26.8
1887½	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1781¼	+12½	...	5.2	9.2
3675	1125	Ang Am	2943½	-115½	...	2.4	24.9
33½	8½	Anglo Pac Res▲	32	-½	...	...	...
197	33	Blyvoors	129	...	...	...	...
46	18	Bracken	30	...	...	31.0	5.0
896	233	Buffels	719	-8½	...	9.4	6.2
6	1	Butte	4½	...	...	...	...
880½	546	CRA	836	-43½	...	2.5	26.7
49½	11	Cluff Res	39	-2	...	...	...
1750	762½	De Beers	1593½	-8½	...	3.1	21.6
165	37½	Deelkraal	117 †	-5½	...	1.7	8.6
96	7	Doornfontein	95	...	...	...	...
914	388	Driefontein	744½ ‡	...	...	4.5	12.3
788	120	Durban	618½	-33½	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	129	...	...	8.3	3.8
175	35	E Rand Prop	92	...	...	...	...
606	117	Elandsrand	430½	-12½	...	4.6	∞
1239	282	FS Cons	957½	-16½	...	6.7	12.3
80	8	FS Dev	45	-2	...	...	...
1800	725	GFSA	1456½	-25	...	2.8	24.0
150	62½	Gencor	117	-3½	...	7.7	13.1
80½	39½	GM Kalgoorli	73½	-1½	...	1.0	20.7
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	22½	-½	...	...	...
202	49	Grootvlei	123½	-6½	...	8.4	7.5
416	78	Harmony	371½	-22½	...	...	...
420	87	Hartebees	330½	-13½	...	7.5	9.4
20½	8½	Incoaz▲	18	-1	...	...	...
1028½	490½	Impala Plat	855½	...	...	3.3	22.4
16½	6	Keyment Res▲	14½	...	...	...	...
1315½	331½	Kinross	1087½	-30	...	3.7	12.1
913	319	Kloof	715 †	-4½	...	3.4	8.5
157	25	Leslie	85½	-10	...	13.6	4.5
359	13	Loraine	207½	-23½	...	...	...
950	620	Lydenburg	950	...	...	2.0	...
132½	80	MIM	129½	-5½	...	1.8	54.5
1512	808	Minorco	1421	-38	...	2.7	16.8
181½	91	Nth Bkn Hill	169½	-2½	...	3.0	26.0
4987½	612½	Orange Free	2425	-95	...	5.2	14.3
904	607	RTZ	869	-14	...	2.8	26.6
225	106½	Rand Mines	187½	...	...	6.1	∞
801½	190	Randfontein	643½ ‡	-25	...	6.4	6.4
265	115	Renison	260	-5	...	1.7	26.9
1348½	865	Rustenburg	1171½	...	...	2.8	∞
756	191	St Helena	623	-16½	...	7.0	12.7
2887½	425	Southvaal	2131½	...	...	4.5	∞
119	18	Stilfontein	85½	...	...	28.0	13.8
201	58	Unisel	105½	-3½	...	4.2	10.0
7600	1800	Vaal Reefs	6257½	-100	...	4.4	∞
813	154	Welkom	639½	-8½	...	5.3	14.3
640	26	Western Areas	511½	-30	...	5.2	3.6
3362½	585½	Western Deep	2400	-9½	...	4.7	∞
350½	176	Wstrn Mining	332	-12½	...	1.5	...
1225	311½	Winkels	912½	-69½	...	5.1	8.7
84	49	Zambia Copper	57	...	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	57	...	...	6.1	16.9

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
252	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
135	95	Airflow Stream	115	...	3.0	3.3	11.1
175	78	Appleyard	172	-2	...	3.8	...
353	201	Bletchley Mtr	333	+3	...	3.2	17.9
207	120	Bostrom	207	+1	6.0	3.6	36.6
468	165	Br Aerospace	444	+16	7.3	2.1	...
38	19½	Burndene	51 †	...	...	4.3	13.7
425	303	Caffyns	425	+2	11.5	3.4	22.8
18	4½	Caverdale	18	+½	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr▲	128	+1	4.0	4.0	∞
42	18	Cook (DC)▲	38	-1	0.9	3.0	21.6
332½	156	Cowie (T)	328	-1	6.6	2.5	25.1
159	86	Dag Motors	159	+1	3.7	4.5	28.7
156	102½	Davenport Vern	156	...	4.2	3.4	∞
380	155	ERF	323	-2	2.0	0.8	...
173	92	European Mtr	168	+8	...	2.8	23.6
479	208	Evans Halshaw	478	-1	11.4	3.0	13.7
280	211	FR Group	275	+5	...	3.3	12.9
4950½	2842½	Ford Motor	4525	+90	...	...	...
4448½	2148½	General Mtr	4075	+56½	...	1.3	...
75	38	Gowrings	71	-2	2.0	3.5	...
326	85	Henlys	326	...	3.5	1.3	...
1056	769	Honda Motor	967½	-9	...	0.9	...
48	15	Jacks (Wm)	43	...	...	...	...
108	66	Jessups	105	...	4.5	5.4	...
180	97	Kwik-Fit	179½	-½	...	2.4	25.4
510	281	Lex Service	504	-3	...	2.8	27.6
239	85	Lookers	239	+1	6.5	3.5	∞
215	126	Lucas	212	...	...	4.1	...
29½	21	Malaya Grp	29½	...	...	...	...
297	224½	Pendragon	297	...	...	2.2	24.4
223	108½	Perry Gp	223	+6	...	4.0	...
190	108	Quicks Group	176	...	...	3.3	22.7
186	99½	Rolls-Royce	185	+7½	...	3.4	...
245½	164	T & N	241	...	...	5.6	34.3
285	163	Trinity Hldgs	284 †	-1	...	2.4	26.6
207	125	Vardy (Reg)	206	...	...	2.6	28.6
274	121	Westland	274 †	+3	...	2.1	19.2

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
238	103	Adscene	238	...	5.0	2.6	28.4
360	315	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	13.7
608	290	Benjamin Gp	363	-5	...	3.2	19.5
380	275	Bristol	378 †	...	...	4.0	34.2
£126	7775	Daily Mail	£126 †	+25	...	1.5	29.4
£126	7800	Daily Mail 'A'	£126 †	+25	...	1.5	29.4
355	210	Dunlng Kind	288	+4	...	1.4	26.1
6550	4537½	Elsevier	6425	+171½	...	1.5	22.1
478	322	EMAP	465	...	...	2.2	28.7
1525	873	Euromoney Pb	1508	-5	...	3.1	26.5
264	154	Harrington K	180	+7	4.7	3.3	14.7
490	155½	Haynes Pub	485	+5	...	1.5	25.7
363	313	Hodder H'line	354	...	5.1	1.8	30.1
140	99	Home Counts	140	...	5.2	4.7	...
185	70	Intl Bus Comm	184	...	...	...	26.6
15	6½	Lir Cm & Data▲	13	...	...	...	...
530	240	Independent	510	+5	...	2.5	27.5
615	395	Johnston Press	613	...	6.5	1.3	26.5
355	243	Metal Bulletin	355	...	8.2	2.9	25.1
205	88	Mirror Gp	201	...	...	...	...
575	297	News Corp	454½	-2½	...	0.5	...
301	169	News Intl	278	...	...	0.6	17.1
644	342	Pearson	644	+4	...	2.3	25.0
739	510	Portsmth Sund	739	...	...	2.0	20.4
921	618	Reed Intl	908	+6	...	2.4	38.6
200	98	Southnews	200	...	2.3	1.5	37.0
188	70	Sterling Publs	188	...	...	2.1	22.8
549	328	Telegraph	549	+1	...	2.7	23.1
885	715	Thomson Corp	885	...	30.1	4.3	43.8
472	313	Trinity Intl	470	...	9.0	2.4	28.2
39	21	Unit Group▲	31	-2	...	...	...
685	480½	Utd Newspapers	677	+4	...	4.0	18.8

OILS, GAS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	28½	-½	...	...	27.8
61	33	Arcon Intl▲	44	-1	...	...	...
71	43½	Asst Oil & Gas	65½	...	...	...	...
63	26	Aviva Pet	58	-1	...	...	...
16	3½	Beveley	8½	...	...	...	...
230	145	Br Borneo	229	-1	7.1	3.9	6.9
361½	226	British Gas	341½	-6	14.2	5.2	16.5
389½	225	Br Petroleum	374½ ‡	-4	8.4	2.8	29.4
3½	1	Bula Resources	2½	...	...	...	...
865	675	Burmah Castrl	861	+2	...	3.7	15.8
68	32	Cairn Energy	59	-1	...	...	8.4
325	223	Calor Gp	359	-4	...	4.2	19.6
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	49	-1	...	...	...
44	27	Copley Res	28½	...	...	...	...
24	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	24	+1½	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	495	-8	...	4.2	26.2
88	26	Exp Co Louis	85	+1	...	...	...
34½	18	Fairhaven Intl	25½	...	...	4.2	9.2
10½	4	Fortune	4½	...	...	...	...
67	45	Goal Pet	59	...	1.4	3.0	11.3
48	18	Gt Western Res	38½	-½	...	...	...
181	106½	Hardy O & G	164	-3	...	0.8	15.3
38	18½	Ind Energy	30	...	...	...	...
195	97	LASMO	126	-4	...	3.3	25.3
103	63	-do- Units	67	...	9.4	17.6	...
24	2	Mid Scot Res▲	2½	...	...	...	...
61½	34	Monument	60½	-½	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	5½	...	1.0	4.3	10.0
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	29	...	...	...	...
50	27	Oil Search	47	+1	...	...	...
19½	11½	Petrox	10½	...	...	...	...
162	99	Plcl Pet	161	...	...	...	9.0
39½	18	Premier	24½	-½	...	...	...
168	80	Presidio	158	...	...	4.2	...
410	200	Ranger	395	+2	...	4.4	...
7700	5150	Royal Dutch Ft	7300	+84½	...	4.1	18.5
4500	3600	Schlumberger	3981½	-34½	...	2.0	...
67	47	Seafield	55	-2	...	...	...
749	515	Shell	737	...	22.8	3.9	22.7
209	140	Sunrise Eng Sv	140	...	...	...	...
41	15	Triton Europe	34	+1	...	...	...
16½	6	Villiers Grp	16	...	...	1.9	...
208	125	Woodside	195½	-2½	...	1.9	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	120	AG Holdings	182	...	...	3.6	16.5
444	289	API	441 †	...	...	2.3	27.9
286	144	Arjo Wiggins	276	-4	...	2.0	44.6
564	408	Abbott Mead	564	...	9.5	2.1	29.6
40	13	Aegis Gp	27½	...	...	...	...
212	118	Aspen Comm▲	180	...	4.9	3.4	10.3
26	7	BBB Design▲	24	-2	...	...	...
458	223	Bemrose	458	...	...	3.6	21.1
30½	7	Birkdale	11½	+½	...	...	...
175	118	Bunzl	165	-1	4.0	3.0	24.0
430	257	CIA Gp	430	...	4.4	1.3	27.2
230	93	Capital Inds	161	+3	...	2.8	15.4
50	44	Cty of Lon▲	45	-5	...	5.5	16.2
347	189	Cropper (James)	347	...	3.2	1.2	33.5
104	51	Delyn Group	104	+1½	1.6	2.0	14.0
120	94	Dolphin Pack	119	+1	4.5	4.7	29.4
87	42	Dudley Jenkins▲	81	+1	...	4.9	18.2
16½	10½	Elswick	15	-½	...	2.5	16.8
90	41	Fairway Group▲	90	...	3.2	4.5	26.5
389	271	Ferguson Intl	388	...	...	4.0	17.6
140	92	Ferry Pick	140	...	...	3.0	37.8
149	74	Filofax▲	149	+6	...	0.0	25.6
20	9	Fitch	9	...	...	...	...
154	69	Gibbon Lyons▲	143 †	+1	5.2	4.8	16.1
295	205	Gold Greenless	257	...	8.4	4.2	22.9
41	17	Goodhead	27 ↓	+1	0.0	0.2	∞
88	19	Hunterprint	25	...	...	...	...
185	136	Interreurope	161	...	...	6.1	11.8
288	191	Jarvis Porter	288	...	...	2.1	26.0
32	13½	Loper	32	...	...	...	...
38½	26	MDT	32	...	...	...	...
419	175	More O'Ferrall	418	...	13.2	3.9	30.0
146	48	NMC Group	145 †	+1	2.7	2.4	22.4
300	66	Osborne & Little	300 †	+4	...	2.1	32.9
580	455	Portals	557	...	...	3.3	19.2
3½	¼	Premier Hlth	2½	...	...	...	...
309	159	Quarto	309	...	...	2.3	19.0
370	270	St Ives Gp	372	-2	...	1.8	34.6
186	133	Saatchi	156	...	...	...	...
592	292	Sappi	486½	-10½	...	7.1	8.8
30½	8½	Scrif	29	-½	...	...	...
33½	14	Shandwick	33½	+1½	...	...	...
498	284	Smith David	495	+2	...	2.5	25.8
358	206	Smurfit (Jeff)	348	-1	...	1.5	8.4
108	45	Sonic	108 †	+3	2.5	2.9	44.3
246	183	Star-Plus	240	+1	8.4	4.4	21.4
29½	16½	Taylor Nelson	26½	+½	0.3	1.6	22.1
141	38	VTR▲	141	...	...	3.3	21.2
122	40	WPP	119	...	...	1.1	4.5
264	62	Wace	261	...	...	0.5	...
300	203	Waddington (J)	280	-15	...	3.6	21.0
472	270	Watmough	472	+2	...	1.6	37.0
7	3	Westport▲	4½	...	...	...	...
44	12	Whitney Mck▲	38	-1	...	...	...
103	55	Wyndeham	103 †	...	...	1.8	22.1

PROPERTY

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	41	Allied Lon	130	+½	...	3.4	33.7
48	35	Arcadian	47	...	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	9½	...	...	...	...
143	52	Asda	143	...	...	1.9	15.0
163	88	Avonside	163	...	4.1	3.1	22.8
2637½	2062½	BCE▲	2396½	-35	...	...	...
752	396	Bilton	751	...	18.9	3.1	27.2
94	17	Bourne End	93	-1	...	1.3	...
276	150	Bradford	275	...	5.9	2.7	27.9
23	5	Bredero	18	+½	...	...	...
454	166½	Br Land	453 †	-4	...	2.0	41.3
276	140½	Brixton	270	-4	...	3.9	21.4
109	42	Burford	106	-½	...	1.5	...
210	99	Cap & Regnl▲	209	...	1.3	0.8	...
265	130	Cardiff Prop	265	...	2.5	1.2	...
616	196	Chesterfield	616	+6	11.5	2.3	44.1
64	12	City Site Est	61	-2	...	...	...
35	12	Clarke Nickolls	29½	-2½	...	...	...
546	285	Conspro	285	...	12.9	6.0	61.8
53	34	Conrad Ritblat G	46	...	...	...	...
1615	818	Daejan	1615	+2	...	2.1	19.8
65	5	Dares Estates	19½	+½	...	...	...
145	53	Debenhm Tewn	143 †	...	...	2.9	27.2
17	4	Dr Morgan	16	...	...	...	...
184	76	Dencora	184	...	3.0	2.0	...
698	263	Derwent Hldgs	698	+4	8.7	1.6	...
45	10	Development Sec	39	...	...	...	...
63	24	Dwyer	63 †	+2	...	...	...
406	170	Estates Agency	406	...	...	2.3	48.2
27	7½	Estates Gen	25	+1	...	...	...
128	66	Evans Of Leeds	128 †	...	...	2.3	22.6
36½	11	Five Oaks	36½	...	...	...	...
67	30	Fletcher King	66 †	...	1.0	1.9	43.7
528	276½	Frogmore	524	-2	...	3.8	25.3
275	97	Grainger	275 †	+3	5.2	2.4	∞
249	116½	Gr Portland	243	...	...	4.1	23.3
21	3½	Greycoat	20½ ‡	...	...	...	...
269	101	HK Land	239	...	...	2.8	31.5
94	55	Hambro Cntyw	86	...	0.5	0.7	...
422	233	Hammerson	409	-4	10.0	3.1	41.4
341	127	Helical Bar	340	...	...	1.8	12.2
40	19	Hemingway	40	...	...	...	...
128	56	Herring Baker	75	...	3.7	6.2	18.8
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
802	455	Land Sec	756	-3	23.1	3.8	22.5
121	73	Lon Merch Sec	121 †	...	4.0	4.1	18.8
22½	8½	Lon & Metro	19	...	...	...	...
565	315½	MEPC	529 †	-4	...	4.7	37.2
12	5	McInerney A	12	...	...	...	...
190	90	McKay Secs	190	...	3.5	2.3	25.8
7½	2½	Markheath	7½	+2	...	...	...
81	12	Marivale Mr	80	...	...	...	...
55	29	Mountfield Ex	54	...	...	...	...
1369½	775	Mountview	1300	-18½	22.0	2.1	13.5
190	112	Mucklow (A&J)	190	...	...	4.0	29.6
58	30	Olives Prop	58	+1	...	...	...
10½	1½	ORB	1½	...	...	...	...
188	88	PSIT	187	...	4.3	2.9	37.1
395	138	Peel	394	...	4.5	1.4	...
16	4½	Power Corp	10	...	...	...	...
50	22	Property Trust	46	...	...	...	13.1
63	33	Raglan	42	...	...	...	...
40	11	Regalian	37½	...	...	...	...
160	110	Rowlinson Secs	160	...	1.5	1.2	20.0
55	16	St Modwen Prp	55	...	0.9	2.0	41.9
78	39	Saville Grdn (I)	76 †	...	...	4.4	37.3
100	39	Savills	98 †	...	...	2.3	38.0
112	33½	Scot Met	104	-1	...	1.8	...
128	39	Shaftesbury	124	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	12½	-1	...	...	6.5
313	139½	Slough Estates	281	-4	...	3.5	20.4
102	56	Southend Prop	100 †	...	...	3.0	...
39	18	Stanhope Prps▲	29	...	...	...	...
234	114	Tops Ests	234 †	...	2.1	1.1	...
152	79	Town Centre	152	+1	...	2.8	27.2
98	43	Trafford Park	95	-1	...	3.7	21.9
35	17	UK Land	47	+15	...	...	...
12	4	Union Square	10	...	...	...	...
314	180	Warner	312	...	10.4	4.2	28.5
242	168	Warnford	242	+2	7.5	3.9	17.5
8	2	Wereglade	5½	+½	...	...	...
65	34	Waterr	62	...	...	...	...
103	40	Wood John D▲	102	+1	...	0.9	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
32	11	Automagic▲	32	...	...	...	...
213	84	Headlam	212	...	...	1.8	47.9
300	285	Lambert	315	...	13.2	5.3	7.7
100	44	Pittards	72	...	1.5	2.6	20.6
30	20	Strong & Fisher	22½	...	1.0	5.6	6.3
248	89	Style	244	...	...	1.5	...
66	53	UK Safety	64	...	...	5.1	2.1

TEXTILES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
556	408	Allied Text	556	...	12.7	2.9	17.9
69	54	Beckman (A)	69	+4	...	6.5	14.8
41	21	Bolton Gp	27	...	...	...	...
236	141	Br Mohair	219	...	8.5	4.9	20.5
53	15	Chartwell▲	41	...	...	...	...
364	298	Claremont Gs	358	-2	7.5	2.6	22.4
601	449	Courtauld Text	539	...	13.0	3.2	14.8
53½	24	Copid▲	33	+1	...	...	...
248½	130	Dawson	154	...	...	6.2	11.7
47	22	Drummond	35	...	...	...	...
89	45	Firth	78 †	...	4.9	7.9	12.1
34	15	Foster (John)	29	...	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	130	+6	4.2	4.4	...
249	156	Hicking Pntcst	244	...	...	2.2	17.3
90	45	Jerome (S)	68	...	...	0.4	...
424	249	Lamont	423	...	12.0	3.5	28.0
515	353½	Leeds	506 †	...	...	2.1	17.8
122	73	Lyles (S)	100	...	...	4.1	...
215	89	Magellan	164	...	1.4	1.1	...
236	77½	Parkland	225 ‡	...	...	0.9	...
106	82	Readicut	106 †	+½	...	4.1	20.0
66	55	SEET	58	...	...	...	...
147	72	Sirdar	136	+1	...	4.9	9.4
72	44	Stirling Gp	60	-1	1.9	4.0	16.6
51	35	Stoddard	44	...	...	4.3	40.9
312	250	Tomkinsons	281 †	...	...	4.9	24.7
59	30½	West Trust	44 †	+1	...	7.1	...
279	126	Yorklyde	279	+5	...	2.4	18.3

TOBACCOS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	407	BAT	527	+5	...	4.6	15.8
495	315½	Rothmans	498	+3	...	3.2	15.5

TRANSPORT

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
588	349	Assoc Br Ports	585	...	...	1.9	...
1072	707	BAA	1036 †	...	...	2.0	25.7
126	105	Badgerline	124	...	...	4.1	14.7
496½	269	Br Airways	482 †	+1½	...	2.8	21.6
113	56	Clarkson (H)	100	...	1.7	2.2	...
665	332	Eurotunnel Uts	575	+7	...	...	...
82	44	Fisher (James)	77	...	0.5	0.8	20.7
293	147	IoM Steam	290	...	...	3.6	15.2
55	26	Jacobs (JI)	51	+4	0.5	1.2	...
111	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	109	...	...	1.2	20.0
490	264	Mersey Docks	489	...	...	2.3	33.3
271	181	Natl Express	267	+3	...	3.5	27.6
291	218	NFC	286 ‡	-1	...	3.3	22.3
348	244	Ocean Group	348	+3	...	2.1	22.2
91	40	Ocean Wilson	86	...	4.0	5.7	15.9
688	504	P & O Dfd	672	-7	...	5.6	38.8
194	127	P & O 5½%	156	...	...	4.4	...
705	448	Powell Duffryn	693	...	...	4.1	22.0
295	117	Seacon▲	226	-4	5.4	3.0	14.2
178	112	Stagecoach	178	+2	...	2.7	21.7
110½	31½	TNT	109½	...	...	...	...
893	604	Tibbet & Britn	890	...	12.6	1.8	34.1
382	37	Tiphook	63	-2	...	...	...
329½	222	TDG	320	+3	...	3.7	10.6
111	98	Ugland	107	...	...	...	...

WATER

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
640	488	Anglian Water	577 †	-½	...	4.7	11.5
357	244	Mid Kent Hldgs	357	...	...	3.8	13.2
761	547	Northumbrian	718 †	+1	...	4.0	6.4
611	431½	North West	573 †	-4	...	4.8	9.5
633	439	Severn Trent	601 †	-3	...	4.5	9.3
685	484	Sthn Water	630 †	-4	...	4.5	10.1
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1590	...	48.5	3.9	11.5
675	465	South West	641 †	-4	...	4.7	10.4
611	454	Thames Water	584 †	-1	...	4.6	11.4
740	506	Welsh Water	707 †	-10	...	4.3	7.1
799½	536	Wessex Water	718 †	-9	...	3.8	11.4
630	473½	Yorkshire W	595 †	-9	...	4.6	9.9

Source: Finstat

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SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
102	100	Treas 8¾% 1994	100 †	...	8.48	...
109	100	Treas 14½% 1994	100	-	14.37	5.07
109	101	Exch 13½% 1994	102	-	13.22	5.12
105	101	Treas 10% 1994	101	-	9.82	5.07
110	104	Exch 12½% 1994	104 †	-	11.99	5.06
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	103	...	8.72	4.97
111	106	Treas 12% 1995	106	-	11.23	4.94
98	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	97	...	3.06	4.68
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107	-	9.55	5.06
116	112	Treas 12¾% 1995	113	...	11.29	5.11
120	116	Treas 14% 1996	116	...	12.02	5.17
125	120	Treas 15¼% 1996	121	-	12.60	5.27
120	115	Exch 13¼% 1996	117	...	11.32	5.29
112	108	Conv 10% 1996	111	...	8.94	5.38
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	121	...	10.94	5.50
114	110	Exch 10½% 1997	113	...	9.22	5.50
110	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	110 †	+	7.93	5.54
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	130	+	11.46	5.72
114	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	114	...	8.54	5.70
109	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	105	+	6.84	5.63
106	101	Treas 7¼% B 1998	105	+	6.85	5.40
102	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101	...	6.62	5.21
131	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	130	+	10.72	5.87
140	133	Treas 15½% 1998	139	+	11.11	5.71
126	118	Exch 12% 1998	125	+	9.58	5.88
116	108	Treas 9½% 1999	115	+	8.21	5.80

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
101	98	Treas 6% 1999	101	...	5.92	5.66
128	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	127	+	9.60	5.95
121	112	Treas 10½% 1999	120	-	8.69	5.98
121	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	120	...	8.48	5.94
116	106	Conv 9% 2000	115	...	7.79	5.92
136	125	Treas 13% 2000	136 †	...	9.55	6.14
106	97	Treas 7% 2001	105	...	6.62	6.04
122	109	Treas 10% 2001	121 †	...	8.22	6.17
123	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	122	+	7.95	6.29
113	97	Treas 8% 2003	112	+	7.09	6.17
127	109	Treas 10% 2003	126	...	7.93	6.32
129	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	128	+	8.93	6.40
86	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	85	-	4.11	5.37
105	97	Treas 6¾% 2004	104	...	6.45	6.14
125	105	Conv 9½% 2004	124	-	7.64	6.32
125	105	Conv 9½% 2005	124	-	7.61	6.36
143	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	143	+	8.76	6.54
111	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	110	+	7.21	6.33
112	94	Treas 7¾% 2006	111	+	6.92	6.35
136	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	135	+	8.70	6.52
119	97	Treas 8½% 2007	118	+	7.16	6.39
151	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	149	...	9.02	6.55
124	101	Treas 9% 2008	124	+	7.25	6.42

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
115	92	Treas 8% 2009	115	+	6.94	6.42
126	100	Conv 9% 2011	126	+	7.12	6.45
127	100	Treas 9% 2012	127 †	+	7.07	6.45
94	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	92	+	5.97	6.19
114	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	114 †	+	6.78	6.39
117	93	Treas 8% 2013	117	+	6.81	6.42
159	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	159	+	7.54	6.60
128	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	128 †	+	6.81	6.39

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1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
54	38	War Ln 3½%	54	+	6.43	...
37	27	Treas 2½%	37	...	6.71	...

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1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
136	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	136	...	...	...
204	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	202	...	1.10	2.12
113	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	112	+	1.26	1.86
176	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	176	...	2.08	2.47
173	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	173	+	2.30	2.62
118	105	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	118	+	2.32	2.62
184	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	184	...	2.44	3.68
168	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	167	+	2.63	2.84
175	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	174 †	...	2.70	2.90
146	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	145 †	...	2.74	2.91
157	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	156 †	...	2.81	2.97
152	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	151	...	2.86	3.00
129	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	127	...	2.89	2.98
128	105	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	127	...	2.87	3.00

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Cash Trust 50.46 50.46 + 0.01 4.90
Convertibles 63.71 68.13 + 0.09 5.60
Eastern 319.10 346.80 +13.00 1.50
Equity Income 98.80 105.10 - 0.30 4.90
European Growth 289.20 307.30 - 2.20 1.50
Europe 208.90 221.90 - 1.30 1.50
German Growth 70.08 74.64 - 0.35 0.70
Global Bond 70.66 74.63 + 0.05 5.30
Global Growth 133.00 142.10 ... ...
Japan Growth 200.30 215.00 - 8.80 ...
Japan Sunrise 173.90 184.80 - 5.70 ...
Korea Trust 78.61 88.22 +11.80 ...
Portfolio 143.40 153.20 - 0.40 2.00
UK Growth 99.83 106.20 + 0.30 2.60
UK Smaller Cos 100.50 107.40 - 0.20 1.80
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Special Oppor Inc 56.21 59.80 ... ...

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European Growth 132.04 141.22 ... ...
Global Bond Inc 32.07 33.03 ... 4.44
Mngd Ptfolio Inc 45.48 48.64 ... 1.02

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UK Income 148.80 158.30 - 0.30 3.45

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-do- Income Dist 121.30 128.80 - 0.50 4.15
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Income & Growth 450.20 479.00 + 4.10 3.10
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Intnl Gwth 31.26 33.96 - 0.43 0.76
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Oriental Opps Inc 166.60 178.10 + 3.30 0.53
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Smaller Cos 34.39 35.78 + 1.04 1.44
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Cap Hse UK Inc 72.71 77.76 - 0.48 2.30
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European Acc 26.43 28.26 - 0.22 0.39
Financial 166.60 178.10 - 0.30 2.28
Foundation 98.18 105.00 - 0.80 2.47
German 48.19 51.54 - 0.47 0.07
High Income 84.50 90.05 - 0.22 5.07
Income 149.30 159.60 - 0.70 3.45
Intl Growth 38.14 40.79 - 0.42 0.16
Mngd Ptflio Inc 111.50 119.20 + 0.30 1.56
Mngd Ptflo Acc 212.70 226.80 + 0.50 1.56
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Orient 147.40 157.60 - 4.40 ...

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American Portfolio 91.80 98.00 -000.22 1.00
European Portfolio 94.01 100.30 -000.46 0.97
Japanese Portfolio 63.20 67.40 - 0.28 ...
Pacific Portfolio 149.60 160.00 - 0.70 0.73
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Utility & Bond 60.70 61.40 -000.07 5.85

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Global Tst 64.30 68.40 - 0.08 0.28
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City Fin America 82.01 86.33 ... ...
City Fin Intl 81.62 85.92 ... 0.47
City Fin Japan 160.65 169.11 ... ...
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Friars Hse Inc 214.01 227.67 + 4.48 4.62
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Fairmount Cap Gth 148.27 156.07 ... ...
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Smaller Cos 34.84 37.06 + 0.11 2.70
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UK Prf & F I Inc 65.05 68.98 - 0.08 6.39
Envrnmntl Opps 86.56 92.08 ... 1.33

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High Dist 177.40 188.50 + 0.20 3.98
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Latin American 53.74 57.10 + 0.70 0.22
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Bond Funds
Gilt & Fxd Int 32.12 32.39 - 0.01 6.06
Intl Bond 32.76 34.14 + 0.02 4.77
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High Income 30.33 31.91 + 0.12 4.30
Income Plus 133.70 142.20 + 0.10 3.52
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Far East Inc 64.80 69.20 - 0.28 2.26
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Japan Smaller Cos 38.45 41.02 - 1.11 ...
Europe 162.70 173.00 - 0.40 ...
European Opps 80.13 85.94 - 0.29 ...
UK Growth 93.92 99.87 - 0.07 ...
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Intl PEP 37.22 39.58 - 0.06 ...
Japan Spec Sits 86.87 92.81 - 1.86 ...
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Specialist Funds
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-do- Reverse Index 64.09 68.17 + 0.18 8.42
America Index 102.00 108.30 - 0.10 0.78
-do- Reverse Index 92.01 97.14 - 0.81 0.90
Japan Index 119.10 125.50 - 4.60 0.43
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Cap Ptflio 157.40 160.30 - 0.80 0.55
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Private Portfolio 443.80 451.30 ... 1.36

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UK Growth 121.80 130.30 + 0.30 0.73
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Investment Trust 96.00 102.13 + 0.02 0.22
UK Smaller Cos 87.17 92.73 + 0.08 1.19

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Capital Tst 337.10 358.50 + 0.40 1.55
(Accum Units) 474.50 504.70 + 0.70 1.55
Contl Smllr Cos 58.28 62.49 - 0.20 0.35
(Accum Units) 60.92 65.32 - 0.22 0.35
Convertible 145.30 154.50 - 0.20 4.85
(Accum Units) 281.50 299.40 - 0.30 4.85
Emerging Markets 89.29 95.30 + 0.96 ...
(Accum Units) 89.36 95.47 + 0.96 ...
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(Accum Units) 121.30 128.90 - 0.50 0.16
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(Accum Units) 525.90 559.40 - 0.20 3.06
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(Accum Units) 313.20 332.20 - 0.90 3.05
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(Accum Units) 415.70 446.40 - 1.40 ...
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(Accum Units) 116.70 122.80 - 0.20 0.61
Monthly Income 98.10 105.40 - 0.30 3.11
Quarterly Income 59.62 63.41 - 0.05 3.95
(Accum Units) 60.99 64.85 - 0.05 3.95
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(Accum Units) 423.70 453.20 - 0.80 0.08
UK Growth 56.90 60.49 - 0.18 2.16
(Accum Units) 58.70 62.49 - 0.18 2.16

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FP Intl Gth Dist 92.91 98.84 - 0.85 0.39
-do- Accum 98.71 102.98 - 0.90 0.39
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European 530.40 565.80 - 0.30 1.28
Far East & Gen 269.10 287.90 - 4.20 ...
Germany 117.60 125.20 - 0.20 ...
Global Assets Inc
Income Inc 165.60 177.20 - 0.30 4.34
International 354.90 379.60 - 0.60 0.62
Intl Income 88.48 94.04 ... 3.46
Japan & General 393.00 418.10 -13.70 ...
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UK Spec Sits 95.09 101.70 + 0.30 0.33
US & General 133.60 142.20 - 0.40 ...
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UK Index 160.06 162.74 - 0.41 2.65
UK Smaller Cos 126.41 135.20 + 0.61 1.27
Income Funds
Preference Share 28.17 30.13 + 0.02 8.40
High Income 38.05 40.70 - 0.08 4.28
UK Equity Income 153.00 163.64 - 0.66 3.26
Global Bond 30.89 32.00 + 0.03 4.56
International Funds
Frontier Markets 68.36 73.11 + 0.12 ...
Global Inc & Gth 140.10 149.26 + 0.12 1.47
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European 95.97 101.62 - 0.22 0.89
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Japan 124.73 124.73 - 6.66 ...
European 244.04 244.04 - 0.49 1.01
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Index Strat Japan 145.97 145.97 ... 0.25
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-do- Cont Europe 146.41 146.41 ... 1.65
Index Strat USA 132.85 132.85 ... 2.09
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Med Term Bal 97.96 104.21 + 0.09 ...
Long Term Bal 110.44 117.49 - 0.05 ...
UK Equity 115.87 124.33 - 0.19 ...
UK Emerging Cos 70.14 74.61 + 0.26 ...
American 109.85 116.86 + 0.41 ...
Japan 60.09 63.92 - 3.41 ...
European 101.92 108.43 - 0.22 ...
Fixed Interest 86.76 92.30 + 0.39 ...
Index Linked Gilt 79.12 84.17 - 0.04 ...
Deposit 76.56 81.44 + 0.02 ...
Broker Unit Trusts
Berkeley Intl Grth 132.65 139.63 + 0.14 ...
Berkeley Income 121.96 128.38 + 0.15 1.99
BWH Intl 143.39 150.94 + 0.16 0.56
Prdntl Gth Port Inc 64.61 66.19 - 0.12 2.50
-do- Inc Port Inc 62.55 66.02 ... 3.75
-do- Wwide Port 54.62 57.66 - 0.03 1.00
Shaw Utilities 59.70 63.01 - 0.12 3.38

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Higher Income 137.20 144.10 ... 1.54

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European Inc 144.92 154.17 ... 0.03
Amalgam Inc 148.58 157.26 ... ...
N America Inc 323.76 344.43 ... ...
Far East Inc 349.11 371.40 ... 0.20
UK Divid Inc 177.64 188.08 ... 0.92

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UK Small Cos 53.01 56.69 - 0.48 1.10
British Growth 62.33 66.66 - 0.47 2.14
American Gwth 163.99 175.40 - 0.44 ...
Japan Gwth 77.71 83.10 - 3.70 ...
Greater China 216.19 231.22 + 2.70 0.45
Pacific Strategy 181.21 193.80 - 0.05 0.15
European Gwth 82.03 87.73 - 0.75 0.52
Intl Growth 158.18 169.18 - 1.49 0.24
US Index (£) 13.880 14.634 -0.006 1.90
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind 84.99 89.82 - 0.02 2.15
Monthly Income 48.17 51.15 ... 10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033
UK Index (£) 12.640 13.221 -0.023 4.40
Euro Index (£) 13.028 13.674 -0.094 4.50
Japan Index (£) 10.131 10.604 -0.196 1.85
US Index (£) 14.616 15.391 -0.008 1.50
Cash (£) 9.5846 9.6325 -0.002 5.10
UK Bear (£) 6.9629 7.2809 -0.008 4.40
European Bear (£) 7.2245 7.6125 -0.110 4.50
Japan Bear (£) 12.382 12.059 +0.105 1.85
US Bear (£) 8.9047 9.4099 -0.028 1.50
Dollar Bull (£) 15.717 16.449 +0.049 1.50
Dollar Bear (£) 6.9185 7.2538 -0.015 4.40
Gilt Bull (£) 12.147 12.697 +0.013 4.40
Gilt Bear (£) 6.8074 7.1784 -0.018 4.40
Dollar Cash (£) 10.566 10.839 +0.015 1.90
Gtd UK Index (£) 13.401 14.116 -0.239 4.40

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Small Cos 93.40 99.30 ... 0.88
Bridge Income 304.43 323.86 ... 4.52

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European 450.30 480.80 ... 0.12
Gilt & Fixed 142.40 151.30 ... 4.80
Growth Equity 359.70 384.20 ... 1.74
Income Trust 137.40 146.30 ... 2.73
International 182.60 200.40 ... ...
Japan Trust 125.90 134.50 ... ...
Nth American 279.10 297.10 ... 0.25
Pacific 615.40 657.40 ... ...
Guardhill 523.60 559.40 ... 1.84

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Prem Fixed Int 120.04 124.63 - 0.09 7.53
Eqty & Bond Inc 113.57 120.75 + 0.24 4.33
European Growth 93.95 99.78 - 0.61 ...
Intl PEP Trust 80.27 84.08 + 0.08 ...
High Income 129.28 137.46 - 0.52 3.84
Recovery 412.00 436.30 + 2.80 1.42
St Vinc High Inc 140.51 142.01 - 3.25 6.69
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Tmp Br Sm Co Tn 366.10 371.50 + 1.30 1.80

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Special Sits 315.41 337.48 - 0.78 1.28
Best of British 67.43 72.13 - 0.25 1.97
UK Smaller Cos 129.85 138.58 + 0.60 0.99
High Income Funds
Income & Growth 299.59 319.06 - 1.02 2.69
High Income 353.95 378.36 - 0.39 3.34
Extra Income 316.63 337.08 - 1.00 3.75
Pref & Gilt 50.55 54.33 + 0.03 7.47
International
International 276.91 296.35 - 1.26 0.24
Global Bond 60.14 63.97 - 0.01 6.11
Family of Funds 84.95 90.78 + 0.29 0.28
Global Tech 153.47 164.13 + 0.22 ...
Overseas Funds
Asian Enterprise 199.69 213.54 + 3.09 ...
European 462.54 494.67 - 1.43 0.27
European Income 84.26 89.12 - 0.37 2.27
Euro Smlr Cos 143.43 152.70 - 1.02 0.27
Eur Sp Sits 65.56 70.19 - 0.01 0.16
Japan Trust 203.22 216.47 -10.81 ...
Japan Special Sits 232.95 248.67 -10.84 ...
Pacific Smlr Cos 275.21 292.77 - 1.59 0.06
North American 247.72 263.57 + 1.94 ...
American Smaller 109.71 117.22 + 0.72 ...
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio
American Growth 58.29 61.78 + 0.38 ...
Eur Sp Sits 56.55 59.94 + 0.11 ...
General Growth 44.85 47.54 - 0.21 ...
Global Tech 60.06 63.66 + 0.09 ...
Income Growth 45.01 48.27 - 0.16 ...
Japan Growth 24.85 26.34 - 1.31 ...
Overseas Growth 40.40 42.82 - 0.19 ...
Smaller Cos 22.78 24.14 - 0.19 ...
Special Opps 30.09 31.89 - 0.14 ...
Sterling Liquidity ... ...
Wwide Sp Sits 50.47 53.49 - 0.24 ...

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS
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British 108.00 115.30 - 0.20 4.71
Capital 184.80 197.60 - 0.30 1.54
Dollar 347.20 371.30 + 1.00 0.01
European 234.00 250.20 - 0.60 0.43
Far East 359.10 384.00 - 2.60 0.21
Financial 906.10 969.00 + 0.20 1.24
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc 29.04 30.17 - 0.01 6.63
High Yield 121.70 130.10 - 0.20 3.77
Income & Growth 162.20 173.40 - 0.60 2.80
International 251.40 268.80 - 2.50 0.06
Japanese General 180.60 193.10 -10.90 ...
Japan Tech 68.78 73.56 - 4.02 ...
Nat Resources 77.60 82.99 - 1.29 0.43
Portfolio 79.11 84.60 - 0.12 1.64
Security 358.20 383.10 - 0.50 1.68
Smaller Cos 138.70 148.30 + 0.40 1.18
Special Sits 167.30 178.90 - 0.20 1.23
UK Emerging Cos 92.73 99.17 + 0.63 0.27
US Smaller Cos 75.45 80.69 + 0.42 ...

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American Index 205.00 218.20 + 0.40 1.20
Eurotrack 100 153.80 163.70 - 0.80 0.96
Footsie Fund 56.81 60.09 - 0.33 2.28
Japan Index 74.35 79.28 - 4.52 0.14
Tiger Index 218.80 233.50 - 1.90 0.18
Trixie Index 128.70 137.30 + 0.10 1.60
UK Index 149.80 159.90 - 0.60 2.59
Active Funds
American Growth 490.10 522.90 + 2.80 0.16
Asian 62.51 66.71 - 0.82 ...
Capital 648.10 691.20 - 4.70 1.96
European Growth 106.20 112.90 - 0.70 0.29
Global Bond 24.72 26.06 + 0.08 6.10
Hong Kong Gwth 141.00 150.50 + 2.40 0.45
Income 620.50 662.20 - 2.50 3.44
Intl Growth 78.50 83.64 - 0.96 0.10
Japan Growth 264.60 282.40 -15.60 ...
Japan Smllr Cos 33.06 35.23 - 1.81 ...
Spore & Mlysn Gth 76.72 81.88 + 0.08 ...
Midland Unit Trusts
Dealing 0742 529200
Enquiries 0742 529076
Balanced 63.27 67.47 - 0.30 2.10
(Accum Units) 65.05 69.37 - 0.32 2.10
British Tst 91.24 97.58 - 1.30 1.74
(Accum Units) 103.20 110.30 - 1.50 1.74
Extra High Inc 78.55 84.01 - 0.04 5.36
(Accum Units) 144.00 154.00 ... 5.36
Gilt & Fxd Int 61.26 63.77 - 0.03 5.84
(Accum Units) 167.80 174.70 - 0.10 5.84
High Yield 255.90 273.70 - 0.60 4.16
(Accum Units) 614.20 656.80 - 1.50 4.16
Income 333.80 357.00 - 1.00 2.57
(Accum Units) 705.70 754.70 - 2.10 2.57
Japan Growth 347.80 372.00 ... ...
(Accum Units) 367.10 392.60 ... ...
Mandarin Tst 138.30 147.90 ... 0.59
(Accum Units) 144.60 154.60 ... 0.59
Money Market UT 49.60 49.60 + 0.01 4.61
(Accum Units) 74.53 74.53 + 0.02 4.61
Monthly Income 97.05 103.80 - 0.20 3.57
North American 185.60 198.50 ... 0.42
(Accum Units) 234.60 250.90 ... 0.42
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust
British 107.30 114.10 - 0.80 1.72
European Growth 102.50 109.00 - 0.80 0.02
Gilt & Fixed 90.10 95.66 - 0.03 5.80
Income 94.09 100.10 - 0.30 2.64
Japan Growth 50.06 53.26 - 2.90 ...
Managed 70.11 74.58 - 0.31 2.36
Money Market 82.73 87.69 + 0.03 4.58
North American 90.02 95.77 + 0.50 0.47
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust
British 97.48 103.70 - 0.70 1.70
European Growth 96.44 102.60 - 0.70 0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int 85.88 91.17 - 0.03 5.77
Income 92.48 98.38 - 0.26 2.61
Japan Growth 49.97 53.16 - 2.90 ...
Managed 67.08 71.36 - 0.29 2.33
Money Market 76.47 81.05 + 0.02 4.53
North American 81.99 87.22 + 0.45 0.58
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust
British 97.85 104.10 - 0.70 1.69
European Growth 94.19 100.20 - 0.70 ...
Gilt & Fixed Int 79.65 84.56 - 0.04 5.84
Income 91.98 97.85 - 0.26 2.61
Japan Growth 51.15 54.42 - 2.98 ...
Managed 70.49 74.99 - 0.31 2.31
Money Market 71.89 76.20 + 0.02 4.57
North American 90.93 96.73 + 0.50 0.43

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Special Features 34.65 36.81 - 0.05 1.21
(Accum Units) 41.30 43.88 - 0.06 1.21
General Funds
Assets & Earnings 83.30 88.29 - 0.30 1.70
Accum Units 99.91 105.10 - 0.50 1.70
General Equities 80.62 85.65 - 0.16 2.53
Great British Cos 56.98 60.88 - 0.17 1.46
Managed Invest 103.00 109.80 - 1.00 1.09
PEP Managed 75.79 80.89 - 0.30 1.92
Expert Child Tst 88.52 94.41 - 0.42 1.62
UK Growth 64.92 69.37 + 0.02 1.36
High Income Funds
Cashbox (Dist) 50.78 50.78 + 0.01 3.65
Cashbox (Acc) 57.25 57.25 + 0.01 3.65
Extra Income 94.47 100.80 - 0.10 4.20
Gilt 30.73 32.38 - 0.02 5.61
Income & Growth 46.38 49.44 - 0.06 2.85
Minstar Gilt & FI 83.30 85.15 - 0.04 6.80
Preference Shares 20.05 21.30 - 0.01 5.84
UK Income 375.50 400.70 - 0.80 2.79
Sector Specialist Funds
Fin Securities 75.34 79.04 - 0.50 0.59
Property Shares 87.87 94.39 - 0.18 1.00
Overseas Growth Funds
American Growth 51.92 55.13 + 0.09 0.73
US Smaller Cos 122.40 129.50 + 1.80 ...
(Accum Units) 123.70 130.90 + 1.80 ...
Europe Perf 146.30 155.00 - 1.20 ...
(Accum Units) 151.30 160.30 - 1.20 ...
Euro Smaller Cos 27.81 29.50 - 0.32 ...
French Growth 78.80 83.52 - 0.45 ...
Accum Units 84.17 89.22 - 0.48 ...
H Kong & China 111.60 118.50 - 1.80 0.37
Intl Growth 58.12 61.75 - 0.52 0.12
Accum Units 58.41 62.06 - 0.52 0.12
Japan Perf 31.56 33.51 - 2.15 ...
Accum Units 31.56 33.51 - 2.15 ...
Japan Smaller Cos 37.77 40.13 - 2.26 ...
Singapore ASEAN 113.80 123.30 + 0.70 ...
Accum Units 114.60 124.10 + 0.80 ...
SE Asia 356.60 373.80 + 4.30 ...
Overseas Income Funds
Global Income 97.96 104.40 - 0.30 1.83
Intl Bond 60.54 61.32 - 0.07 5.73

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American Cap 187.60 199.60 + 1.30 ...
Income 155.12 166.02 + 0.43 3.47
Ret & General ... ...
UK Growth 56.07 59.65 - 0.25 0.88
International 90.50 96.26 + 0.51 0.01
Ecology 86.77 92.31 - 0.18 0.36
European 116.42 123.63 - 1.16 ...
Far Eastern 371.50 395.20 + 0.30 ...

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Extra Income 61.89 65.84 - 0.08 5.92
(Accum Units) 86.19 91.69 - 0.11 5.92
Gilt Yield 129.40 136.50 ... 6.49
(Accum Units) 377.90 399.00 ... 6.49
Global Income 242.50 258.00 + 2.47 3.34
(Accum Units) 535.30 569.50 + 5.78 3.34
High Yield 161.80 172.10 - 1.77 4.99
(Accum Units) 464.50 494.20 - 5.55 4.99
Smllr Cos Div 61.44 65.36 - 0.06 3.02
(Accum Units) 76.78 81.68 + 0.08 3.02
Capital Growth Trusts
Amer Smllr Cos 98.35 104.60 - 0.47 ...
(Accum Units) 101.90 108.30 - 0.30 ...
North American 79.84 84.94 + 0.25 0.29
(Accum Units) 97.69 104.10 + 0.30 0.29
European Special 90.38 96.15 - 0.61 1.30
(Accum Units) 94.81 100.90 - 0.50 1.30
European 152.90 162.70 - 0.70 1.21
(Accum Units) 200.10 212.90 - 0.90 1.21
General 309.00 329.70 - 1.20 2.74
(Accum Units) 515.10 548.00 - 2.00 2.74
Japan 400.70 426.30 -16.70 ...
(Accum Units) 405.10 431.00 -16.90 ...
Japanese Special 230.60 245.50 - 9.50 ...
(Accum Units) 231.90 246.70 - 9.50 ...
Master Accum 259.80 276.40 - 1.00 0.76
Pacific 356.20 379.90 - 5.20 0.39
(Accum Units) 417.80 444.50 - 6.00 0.39
Smaller Cos 121.30 129.00 - 1.60 0.90
(Accum Units) 164.50 175.00 - 5.20 0.90
UK Equity Growth 46.89 49.89 - 1.00 1.40
(Accum Units) 87.25 92.82 - 1.90 1.40

KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS
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Global Growth PEP 65.22 69.38 - 3.11 ...
Inv Trust PEP 51.84 55.14 - 0.09 ...
Higher Risk Invest 59.37 63.09 + 0.05 ...

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Far East 32.34 34.40 ... 0.25
Income & Gwth 86.54 92.32 ... 2.12
Intl Growth 59.54 63.34 ... 0.46
Japan 61.84 65.98 ... ...
Maximum Dist 102.80 106.97 ... 6.97
Nth Amer Equity 41.53 44.18 ... 0.19
UK Equity 101.90 108.40 ... 2.07

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Income 662.60 676.10 ... 4.80
Intl & General 450.20 459.40 ... 0.56

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Inc & Growth Inc 62.52 66.51 - 0.20 3.76
Smaller Cos 56.72 60.02 - 0.17 0.83

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High Income 122.50 130.30 - 2.70 3.36
International 98.67 105.00 - 1.00 3.29
Recovery Trust 69.38 73.78 - 0.17 3.16
European Trust 84.70 90.11 - 0.61 3.91
Japanese Trust 42.52 45.23 ... ...
American Trust 84.23 89.71 + 0.63 ...
Managed 70.59 75.10 - 0.31 0.45
Cash 51.54 51.54 + 0.01 4.33

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UK Cap 383.10 398.90 ... 2.47
UK Inc/Gth 423.10 427.60 ... 2.57
UK Income 301.00 307.30 ... 3.25
UK Sm Cos 260.40 269.50 ... 1.35
Euro Gwth 118.80 119.80 ... ...
N Amer Gwth 82.85 85.59 ... 0.14
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Money Mkt 117.11 117.11 ... 2.350

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UK Tactical Allocn 61.37 65.17 - 0.19 3.21
European 113.20 120.40 - 0.50 0.86
Far Eastern 241.80 257.20 - 5.63 ...
Fixed Interest 58.93 62.59 - 0.05 5.70
Gilt 102.40 108.60 - 0.10 5.30
Global Growth 81.10 86.28 - 0.75 0.29
Intl Bond 58.04 61.62 + 0.05 5.50
Japanese 69.96 74.43 - 4.22 ...
North American 157.50 167.60 + 0.80 0.34
Pacific Growth 135.20 143.80 + 0.10 0.19
UK Index 68.12 71.89 - 0.20 2.64
UK Recovery 98.61 104.90 ... 1.61
UK Smaller Cos 131.60 140.00 + 0.60 1.03
US Index 60.91 64.29 + 0.19 1.63
European Index 71.87 75.95 - 0.32 1.42
Japan Index 38.75 40.90 - 2.55 ...
Worldwide 89.13 94.83 - 0.57 1.26

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Growth 52.58 56.26 - 0.26 2.97
Income 64.92 69.43 - 0.07 3.39
Far East 59.12 63.23 - 1.07 ...
North American 102.80 110.50 + 0.70 ...
Global 104.80 112.10 - 0.60 0.61
European 89.85 96.10 - 0.58 0.80
Japan 104.60 111.90 - 6.10 ...
Intl Currency Bd 60.85 64.55 - 0.05 5.60
SE Asia 134.70 144.10 + 3.30 0.65
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Balanced 375.00 399.00 - 2.50 2.22
-do- Acc 832.50 885.70 - 5.70 2.22
Contl Euro Gth 60.98 64.19 - 0.63 1.09
-do- Acc 64.95 68.37 - 0.67 1.09
Extra Inc 285.40 303.70 - 0.60 3.09
-do- Acc 715.80 761.50 - 1.60 3.09
German Gth 115.30 121.40 - 2.20 0.25
-do- Acc 120.90 127.30 - 2.30 0.25
Growth Port 583.80 621.10 - 2.10 0.04
-do- Acc 588.80 626.40 - 2.10 0.04
Income 535.00 569.20 - 1.40 2.96
-do- Acc 1376.0 1465.0 - 4.00 2.96
Income Port 553.00 587.30 - 0.70 3.47
-do- Acc 567.40 603.70 - 0.70 3.47
Japan Growth 97.87 104.20 - 5.20 ...
-do- Acc 98.21 104.50 - 5.30 ...
Master Trust 62.19 66.16 - 0.24 0.98
-do- Acc 68.46 72.84 - 0.26 0.98
N American Gen 202.30 215.30 + 0.70 ...
-do- Acc 233.70 248.70 + 0.80 ...
NAm Sm Co Rec 151.60 161.30 - 2.60 ...
-do- Acc 154.70 164.60 - 2.60 ...
Pacific Basin 313.20 333.20 + 7.70 0.23
-do- Acc 331.00 352.20 + 8.30 0.23
Small Cos Rec 373.00 392.70 + 1.80 1.66
-do- Acc 490.00 515.80 + 2.40 1.66
UK Growth 93.43 99.40 - 0.43 1.75
-do- Acc 111.00 116.10 - 0.50 1.75
Worldwide Gth 338.50 360.20 - 2.60 0.14
-do- Acc 499.40 531.30 - 3.90 0.14

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Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 673
American 67.74 72.08 + 0.35 0.30
General 94.82 101.74 - 0.12 3.20
Income 75.83 81.36 + 0.05 4.40
International 66.82 71.69 - 0.43 0.70
Japan 52.03 55.83 - 3.84 ...
Tst of Inv Trusts 74.91 80.38 - 0.19 1.50

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Amer & General 422.30 446.60 - 0.20 0.68
Amer Recovery 473.20 500.40 + 0.70 0.24
Amer Smllr Cos 137.40 145.30 - 0.50 ...
Australasian 183.30 193.80 - 2.50 1.01
Capital 858.50 907.90 + 4.50 1.81
Charifund 786.10 794.00 - 0.10 4.60
Commodity 396.10 417.80 - 1.80 0.38
Compound Grth 994.20 1051.9 - 1.80 2.15
Dividend 44.40 47.00 ... 3.76
Equity Income 378.70 400.50 + 1.10 4.31
Euro & General 490.80 519.00 - 3.20 0.51
Euro Dividend 72.30 76.50 - 0.20 3.35
Extra Yield 470.20 497.20 - 0.10 3.90
Far Eastern 396.10 418.90 - 2.30 0.25
Fund of Inv Tsts 670.60 709.20 - 2.30 1.63
General 66.70 70.50 + 0.10 3.31
Gilt Income 71.08 71.19 - 0.15 6.30
Gold 73.10 77.30 - 2.00 0.33
High Income 31.80 33.60 + 0.10 3.97
Intl Growth 80.40 85.00 - 0.80 0.64
International Inc 108.70 115.00 - 0.20 3.90
Japan & Gen 44.40 46.90 - 2.40 ...
Japan Smlr Cos 150.40 159.00 - 7.10 ...
Managed Income 30.50 32.10 ... 3.47
Midland 67.80 71.70 - 0.40 2.34
Pension Ex 1034.2 1060.1 - 1.50 3.41
Recovery 45.20 47.80 - 0.20 1.97
Second General 75.70 80.10 - 0.70 3.06
Smaller Cos 73.80 78.00 - 0.50 2.44
Treasury 25.01 25.04 + 0.01 4.86
Trustee 47.00 49.70 ... 3.70

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European Growth 79.92 85.02 - 0.54 0.25
High Income 323.30 343.90 - 0.40 3.87
Intl Bond 70.46 74.14 ... 4.90
Intl Equity Growth 70.67 75.18 - 1.03 0.39
N Amer Growth 99.99 106.37 - 0.14 0.70
Special Sits Growth 23.64 25.14 - 0.10 1.61
UK Growth 406.70 432.60 - 0.60 2.24

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Johst Investors 1363.4 1392.6 ... 2.53

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Gilt & Fxd Int 197.40 207.70 - 0.20 6.40
Intl Growth 213.10 228.00 - 3.00 0.19
North American 185.00 198.30 ... 0.32
Far East 298.30 319.00 - 0.90 0.25
UK Smaller Cos 176.60 189.10 + 1.00 1.42
European 78.32 83.64 - 0.85 0.32
Japanese Growth 43.40 46.28 - 2.54 ...
Managed Ptflio 71.63 76.46 - 0.70 1.32
High Income 205.40 220.80 - 1.40 3.65

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M & S Inv Ptflio 160.60 170.80 - 0.29 1.65
-do- Accum 181.20 192.40 - 0.29 1.65
UK Sel Ptflio 139.30 148.10 - 0.13 1.78
-do- Accum 159.60 165.90 - 0.13 1.78

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Managed Tst 71.05 75.59 ... 3.10

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European 63.13 68.25 - 0.40 0.42
Income & Growth 85.72 91.00 + 0.22 2.32
Nth American 61.33 65.12 + 0.33 0.07
Far East 183.60 194.90 - 0.30 ...
Charities 131.10 139.20 - 0.50 3.38
Japan 52.63 55.87 - 2.37 ...
Emrging Mkts 151.60 160.80 + 0.50 0.12
Intl Growth 113.50 120.50 - 1.00 0.18
UK Growth 92.80 98.51 + 0.17 1.60

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(Accum Units) 223.50 237.70 + 0.70 ...
American Opps 92.93 99.12 + 0.40 ...
(Accum Units) 94.03 100.30 + 0.35 ...
British Blue Chip 86.38 91.84 - 0.38 2.74
(Accum Units) 103.80 110.40 - 0.40 2.74
Cash 101.10 101.10 ... 5.09
(Accum Units) 132.80 132.80 + 0.10 5.09
Emerging Mkts 139.30 149.80 + 2.00 ...
European Growth 345.00 359.90 - 1.70 0.61
(Accum Units) 263.80 279.90 - 1.80 0.61
European Income 84.02 89.06 - 0.70 2.74
(Accum Units) 110.00 116.60 - 0.80 2.74
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(Accum Units) 1083 1155 - 5.00 2.00
Global Bond 135.00 141.90 - 0.20 5.61
(Accum Units) 159.40 168.40 - 0.20 5.61
Gold & General 194.50 209.70 - 6.80 0.45
(Accum Units) 198.80 213.80 - 7.10 0.45
Govt Securities 103.40 106.60 - 0.10 6.87
(Accum Units) 191.50 197.50 - 0.10 6.87
Income 170.30 181.30 - 0.40 3.76
(Accum Units) 254.70 271.10 - 0.70 3.76
International 458.40 488.40 - 3.90 0.57
(Accum Units) 611.40 651.40 - 4.10 0.57
Japan 178.90 189.70 - 7.70 ...
(Accum Units) 183.70 194.80 - 7.80 ...
New Europe 170.40 191.90 - 1.10 1.35
(Accum Units) 182.90 195.10 - 1.10 1.35
Pacific 142.30 151.80 - 2.80 0.55
(Accum Units) 151.30 161.40 - 2.40 0.55
Recovery 355.20 376.90 - 2.00 2.37
(Accum Units) 450.40 480.40 - 2.60 2.37
UK Smaller Cos 63.11 67.32 + 0.35 1.62
(Accum Units) 70.37 75.59 + 0.38 1.62
Portfolio 86.65 92.36 - 0.39 2.45
(Accum Units) 99.69 106.00 - 0.40 2.45

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International (US$) 13.25 14.10 ... ...

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European Gth Inc 370.40 394.50 - 1.50 ...
Intl Gwth 198.70 212.50 - 1.00 ...
UK Equity Inc 193.50 206.70 - 0.10 3.26
UK Ind Trckr Inc 175.70 185.70 - 0.80 2.62
US Eq Ind Trk Inc 203.30 215.40 + 0.60 1.34
Japan Tracker 71.53 75.79 - 4.32 ...
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Deposit Inc 100.01 100.01 + 0.03 5.20
Europa 176.30 188.40 - 0.30 ...
Genesis 162.00 176.30 - 1.40 ...
High Income 24.11 25.62 ... 10.00

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Accmen Inc 97.57 99.68 - 0.25 1.95
Accmen Reserve 91.16 92.08 - 0.18 6.44
-do- Inc 83.15 83.99 - 0.16 6.44
American Income 184.80 189.40 - 0.50 1.33
Cash Income 49.96 50.47 + 0.02 4.57
Equity Income 109.50 112.90 - 0.40 4.04
European 72.73 74.02 - 0.89 0.86
Smaller Cos 85.01 88.56 - 0.65 0.81
Olympiad 70.30 72.37 - 0.52 0.02
Global Bond 50.43 50.98 - 0.06 5.72
UK Growth 98.56 101.50 + 0.10 1.41
Pacific Growth 123.20 127.20 + 0.60 ...
Japan Growth 92.31 93.98 - 4.02 ...

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NM Managed Portfolio Service
Cap Gth Inc Inc 114.00 121.20 + 0.10 1.67
Open Cap Gth Inc 116.20 123.60 + 0.50 1.86
NM Unit Trusts
American 45.92 46.92 + 0.24 1.12
Australian 360.90 387.20 - 3.20 ...
Conscience 76.01 81.12 - 0.11 1.12
European 197.10 209.60 - 0.70 0.75
Extra Income 83.32 88.92 - 0.12 4.99
Gilt & FI 64.46 68.03 - 0.02 5.60
Gold 67.77 72.87 - 2.14 ...
Income 61.80 65.92 - 0.12 4.29
Intnl 33.63 35.96 - 0.28 0.59
Jap Smaller Cos 322.80 344.30 -10.70 ...
Sing & Malaysian 249.70 267.70 - 6.40 ...
Smaller Cos 31.97 34.37 + 0.08 0.62
Special Sits 39.85 42.84 - 0.02 1.63
Sterling Deposit 100.30 100.30 + 0.10 4.75
Tokyo 77.52 82.68 - 5.32 ...
UK Equity 190.50 203.20 - 0.10 2.05
US Smaller Cos 117.40 125.50 + 0.60 ...

N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
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Gilt & Fixed Int 83.72 89.60 - 0.07 5.64
Higher Income 242.70 258.20 - 0.10 4.07
Smaller Cos 88.53 94.19 + 3.55 1.27
International 105.60 112.40 - 0.40 1.36

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European Dist 103.70 110.80 - 2.00 ...
Far East Dist 182.30 195.00 - 3.80 ...
Global Care Dist 77.33 82.71 - 0.03 1.72
Oseas Dist 1024.4 1095.6 -10.80 0.40
UK Dist 374.20 400.20 - 0.70 2.19
UK Extra Inc Dist 83.79 89.61 + 0.03 3.49
Wwide Dist 104.29 111.54 - 1.89 ...
Wwide Inc Dist 73.90 76.61 - 0.66 1.88

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Fund of Funds Inc 60.75 64.13 - 0.12 0.51
North America Inc 52.01 54.89 + 0.25 0.05
UK Equity Grth Inc 64.62 68.20 + 0.02 1.51
UK General Inc 63.41 66.92 - 0.05 1.81
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UK Income Inc 64.92 68.52 - 0.04 2.25

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Bond 135.40 143.70 +000.04 6.03
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UK Equity Income 146.94 156.32 - 0.39 3.41
UK Smaller Cos 130.82 139.17 + 0.33 1.40
UK Equity Growth 140.05 148.99 - 0.51 2.28
UK Index Trckg 153.44 163.23 + 0.51 2.91
Intl Index Trckg 142.34 151.43 - 2.50 1.00
International 236.95 252.07 - 1.77 0.58
European 178.75 190.16 - 0.80 0.41
Pan European 130.15 138.46 - 0.01 1.20
Nth American 164.13 174.61 - 0.18 0.54
N Amer Smllr Cos 186.33 198.22 - 0.93 ...
Japanese 88.04 93.66 - 4.86 ...
Pacific 253.48 269.66 + 0.19 0.09
South East Asian 286.14 304.40 + 3.59 0.23
Intl Bond 139.02 147.89 + 0.03 4.25
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Equity 260.00 276.60 - 1.60 1.93
Growth 166.30 175.00 - 0.70 2.10
Income 263.40 280.10 - 1.20 2.90
Intl Equity 250.40 266.30 - 3.20 0.60
UK Income 72.52 77.15 - 0.33 2.50
UK Intl 25 82.98 88.27 - 0.56 1.51
New Europe 72.45 77.07 - 0.71 0.37

PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST MGMT
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Intl Gwth 613.30 655.90 - 0.94 0.20
Income 376.90 403.20 - 0.21 3.58
Wwide Recovery 382.30 408.50 - 0.87 0.30
Amer Growth Inc 233.70 249.90 - 0.14 0.01
Intl Emerging Cos 260.60 278.70 - 0.01 0.08
Far Estn Gwth Inc 303.00 324.00 - 0.15 0.01
Euro Gwth Inc 141.20 151.00 + 0.92 0.57
UK Growth Inc 95.80 102.40 + 0.12 2.24
High Income 102.90 110.00 - 0.29 3.72
Jap Gwth Inc 208.30 221.50 - 1.89 0.01
PEP Growth 122.70 131.20 - 0.01 1.09
Asian Str Mkts Inc 148.60 158.90 + 0.96 0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc 141.20 151.00 - 0.74 0.01
Global Bond 65.40 68.90 - 0.08 5.14
UK Smaller Cos Inc 83.90 89.70 + 0.22 0.96

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European 69.62 74.06 - 0.05 0.36
Global 71.54 76.11 + 0.58 ...
Pacific 69.75 74.20 + 0.10 0.05
UK Inc & Grth 69.99 74.46 - 0.19 1.83

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BRI Director Digs 111.49 118.74 - 0.24 ...

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Portfolio 167.74 171.16 + 4.54 0.62

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Monthly Income 64.72 68.60 - 0.41 1.84
Growth Income 63.87 67.70 - 0.14 1.39

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European Income 76.88 81.79 - 0.54 2.34
Extra Income 166.00 177.60 - 0.30 3.37
Far East 414.70 441.20 - 2.90 0.21
Global Income 29.22 31.08 - 0.14 3.99
High Income 127.80 136.00 - 0.30 3.09
International 216.90 230.80 - 1.60 0.35
Pref & Fxd Int 46.26 49.21 - 0.01 6.82
Recovery 87.88 93.49 + 2.06 1.55
Special Sits 116.80 124.20 + 0.30 1.37
Technology 348.80 371.00 + 1.00 ...
UK Blue Chip 74.06 78.81 - 0.34 2.43

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General 57.22 60.87 - 0.98 2.50
International 93.51 99.48 - 1.42 0.68
Gilt 27.99 28.66 + 0.05 6.72
Income & Gwth 81.76 86.98 - 0.52 3.54
European 51.39 54.67 - 0.07 1.17
American 55.53 59.07 - 0.46 0.05
Emerging Mkts 104.47 111.14 + 0.54 0.46
UK Smaller Cos 33.40 35.53 - 0.88 1.52
Gilt/Fixed Interest 29.52 31.40 - 0.05 5.09
Global PEP 41.57 44.22 - 0.12 1.42

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European Inc 246.80 264.00 - 1.10 0.71
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Nth American Inc 117.80 126.00 - 0.30 0.12
Worldwide Inc 168.50 181.50 - 3.00 0.68
Hong Kong Inc 193.20 208.40 - 2.80 0.78
Swiss Equities Inc 68.54 73.09 - 0.31 0.33
Wwide Bond Inc 67.63 71.87 + 0.19 6.15
Emrging Asia Inc 214.20 233.40 + 4.60 0.37
UK Money Mkt Inc 50.43 51.46 + 0.01 5.30
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New Zealand Inc 94.10 100.60 + 0.30 0.46
Int Mngd PEP Inc 68.39 74.00 - 0.35 3.62
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Le Fond Francais 70.64 75.98 - 0.74 0.39
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Global Trustees 80.52 86.12 - 0.03 1.48
Global Portfolio 72.77 77.50 - 1.10 ...
Global Opps 72.86 77.93 + 0.48 0.42
Marsh Global Grth 74.19 78.67 - 0.25 1.75
AAM Global Equity 62.25 66.22 - 0.09 0.73
CAM Brit Gwth Inc 96.46 101.30 - 0.10 0.86
CAM Brit Inc Inc 49.67 53.06 - 0.08 1.58
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Temple Equity Inc 51.87 56.58 - 0.10 2.82
Hamley Growth 83.15 88.46 - 0.12 1.17
Intl Growth Inc 80.29 85.51 ... 1.51
IPS Portfolio Inc 91.03 97.36 + 0.34 0.23
St Jms Mn Inc Inc 51.07 54.45 - 0.19 ...
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Tech Analysis 115.60 123.00 - 0.30 0.79
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International Strat 80.53 85.91 + 0.18 ...
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Prem Equity Inc 100.50 107.10 - 0.10 ...
Lowes Intl Growth 47.60 50.30 - 0.36 ...

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European Gth 95.13 100.70 - 0.80 0.44
Income & Gth 149.60 159.10 - 0.30 2.44
Japan Gth 114.90 121.70 - 5.50 ...
Nth Amer Gth 121.40 129.10 + 0.60 ...
Overseas Gth 89.56 95.28 - 0.77 ...

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Cash Haven Inc 101.50 102.06 + 0.01 4.17
Cash Haven Acc 107.75 108.28 + 0.03 4.17
Global Growth 93.47 99.96 - 1.02 0.80
Equity Inc 93.10 99.57 - 0.21 3.32
Equity 782.38 836.77 - 9.10 2.22
European 205.29 219.56 - 1.03 0.80
High Income 99.69 106.62 - 0.27 3.02
Intl Gth 186.13 199.08 - 1.76 0.95
Intl Sm Co 81.45 87.11 - 0.66 0.27
Japanese 186.67 199.64 -12.10 ...
Nth Amer 164.11 175.51 - 0.20 0.68
Pacific Mkts 114.75 122.72 + 1.28 0.68
Premier Inc 53.84 56.05 - 0.03 5.20
Sm Cos 97.24 104.00 - 0.23 1.96
Spec Sits 118.23 126.44 - 0.49 2.08
UK Growth 131.28 140.40 - 0.49 1.95

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British Life 336.70 357.10 - 1.20 2.57
Reliance Inc 184.90 196.40 ... 1.72

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FA America (Acc) 621.66 662.26 + 1.06 0.81
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FA Japan 255.89 272.50 -11.48 ...
FA Major UK Cos 105.56 112.60 - 0.69 1.96
FA Smllr UK Cos 316.64 343.33 + 1.48 0.99
FA European 306.14 326.23 - 1.52 0.62
FA Amer Smllr Cos 47.32 50.74 + 0.26 ...
FA Asia 59.11 63.38 - 0.69 ...
FA Jap Smllr Cos 48.34 51.63 - 1.83 ...
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UK Smllr Cos 89.33 94.02 + 0.40 ...
UK Income 102.72 108.12 - 0.66 ...
America 106.43 112.02 + 0.18 ...
Japanese 56.04 58.98 - 2.49 ...
European 97.71 102.86 - 0.48 ...
Gilt 91.54 96.35 - 0.10 ...
Deposit 79.21 83.38 + 0.03 ...
Managed 105.06 110.58 - 0.60 ...
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UK Major Cos 100.98 106.29 - 0.64 ...
UK Smaller Cos 87.51 92.11 + 0.40 ...
UK Income 100.48 105.76 - 0.65 ...
America 103.87 109.33 + 0.17 ...
Japanese 54.20 57.57 - 2.43 ...
European 95.41 100.42 - 0.47 ...
Gilt 90.34 95.09 - 0.11 ...
Deposit 75.75 79.73 + 0.02 ...
Managed 99.86 105.11 - 0.53 ...

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Pacific Basin 83.83 89.84 - 1.25 ...
High Inc Dist 140.70 150.40 - 0.80 4.04
Ryl Life Inc Cnry 64.74 66.80 - 0.31 3.27
Ryl Life Intl Gwth 68.02 72.61 - 0.80 0.33
Ryl Life Intl Spec 63.72 67.78 - 0.52 ...
UK Emerging Cos 125.70 135.80 - 0.30 1.39
UK Index Trckg 179.20 190.90 + 7.40 2.90
European 119.60 128.30 - 0.90 0.30
Managed 148.90 160.10 - 0.50 0.80

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Japan Growth 142.00 151.00 + 1.60 ...
Special Sits 214.60 228.20 + 1.40 1.15
UK Growth 84.27 89.64 + 0.52 1.58
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Growth Inc 127.60 135.00 - 0.60 0.02
International Inc 333.10 352.50 - 1.20 ...
Nth Am & Intl Inc 329.20 348.40 + 1.70 0.47
UK Gen Prog Inc 217.50 230.20 - 0.50 0.42
UK High Inc Inc 151.70 160.50 + 0.10 3.14

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European Gwth 70.10 74.57 - 0.66 1.00
Global Bd 63.19 66.76 - 0.21 6.00
Global Eq 68.52 72.89 - 0.20 0.50
Japanese Eq 55.13 58.65 - 2.46 ...
Japan Sm Cos 65.55 69.73 - 2.63 ...
UK Gen 60.25 64.10 + 0.45 2.80
UK Gwth 65.28 69.42 + 0.52 1.75

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Amer Smllr Cos 111.70 118.80 - 0.50 ...
Asian Smaller Cos 63.14 67.17 - 0.01 ...
Capital Portfolio 144.80 154.00 + 0.30 1.56
Capital 175.70 186.90 + 0.90 0.92
Cash 121.60 121.60 ... 5.09
China Dragon 81.82 87.04 + 1.88 0.78
Commodity 140.60 149.60 - 2.20 0.53
Eastern Discovery 124.60 132.50 - 1.60 ...
Energy Inds 123.70 131.60 ... 0.29
European Gwth 189.60 201.70 - 1.70 0.66
Euro Inc & Gwth 78.56 83.57 - 0.52 1.47
Euro Smllr Cos 51.74 55.04 - 0.31 0.51
Financial Secs 218.50 232.40 + 0.50 1.01
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc 55.31 58.41 - 0.08 7.27
Gold & Exploration 88.78 94.45 - 2.27 0.27
High Return 255.00 271.30 + 0.50 3.02
High Yield 251.20 267.20 + 0.80 3.09
Income 135.30 143.90 - 0.30 3.80
Intl Bond 177.20 187.30 - 0.30 5.02
ITU 230.90 245.60 - 0.20 0.52
Japan Growth 156.00 166.00 - 9.70 ...
Japan Smaller 182.10 193.70 - 7.80 ...
Korea 81.20 86.38 + 0.59 ...
Masterfund 56.38 59.98 - 0.63 0.75
Scotbits 327.60 348.50 + 1.60 0.82
Scotshares 316.30 336.50 - 3.40 1.58
Scotyields 264.10 281.00 + 0.60 3.32
Select Intl 151.90 161.60 - 0.50 0.51
Smaller Cos Inc 270.90 288.20 - 1.20 3.20
SE Asia 690.90 735.00 + 2.80 ...
Special Situations 134.30 142.90 + 0.90 0.54
UK Equity 265.20 282.10 + 0.60 1.99
UK Growth 70.46 74.96 + 0.42 1.35
UK Smllr Cos Gwth 51.62 54.91 + 0.36 0.97
US Growth 152.80 162.60 + 0.30 0.06
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Striking a balance in work and home life

By Derek Harris

JUGGLING a business and personal life can be tricky for many of those running small firms. That observation was the starting point for a new initiative to tackle the problem which is being backed by Hawtec, the Hereford and Worcester training and enterprise council.

A six-week course starts in Hereford on February 21 which will combine business expertise with the specialist approach of a counsellor from Relate, the national charity which deals with personal relationship problems.

The first course, consisting of six sessions, is being run as a pilot at a heavily subsidised cost of £30 a head. A second course is already being planned at £60. Tim Kidson, a small businesses consultant who is business adviser to Hawtec, developed the programme when his experience showed how the interaction of business and personal lives was so often the root of problems which owner-managers of small firms tended to see as only business difficulties.

Mr Kidson said: "Time and again I have found that consultancy assignments, where the initial objective has been to discuss serious business matters such as cash flow or staff training, have quickly turned to the equally serious problems faced by many proprietors in successfully balancing work and home life."

When he compared notes at Relate, he found that nationally the charity regularly saw clients whose problems with personal relationships had been compounded by business demands and pressures. Helen Beach, chairman of the Hereford branch of Relate, said the course should prove a positive way to highlight potential problems before they took hold.

Mr Kidson said: "We must wait for the first results, but it seems to me this approach could have a much wider application nationally. I am sure this area presents no special problem — these difficulties seem to happen in every sort of business, and an urban or rural location does not seem to have special significance." Details: Mac Auld, Hawtec, 0905 723200.



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Solving knotty problems

By Rodney Hobson

CHILDREN who have tired of the monotonous world of kung fu computer games are finding a more lasting and challenging pleasure in puzzles produced by a one-man business in Suffolk.

Kevin Holmes makes wooden brainteasers and decorative puzzles by hand at his workshop in Bacton, near Stowmarket. His sole outlet is a stall on Fridays and Saturdays in Covent Garden, London, although he hopes to sell by mail order when he has produced a catalogue.

He says: "This is my first venture into doing my own thing. I was an engineer by trade, but I became rather dispirited about ten years ago and started evaluating ideas. I was interested in maths puzzles and had one or two ideas that I found people were interested in playing with."

The popularity of Rubik's Cube had produced a glut of all kinds of puzzles to exploit the market, but Mr Holmes found a niche for his own ideas when he first took a stall in 1985. Friends helped to test his ideas and Mr Holmes did make a concession to the world of computers. He used a computer program to assess the degree of difficulty of each puzzle by finding out how many possible solutions there were.

The real market research is conducted on the stall. Mr Holmes says: "I always let people play with the puzzles. I get a feel for what they like and how hard the puzzle is. I see what people enjoy and it gives me feedback for design ideas. If potential customers see children enjoying themselves with the puzzle, it attracts interest."

He added: "Parents are as keen as the children. They say thank goodness there is something to get little John off the computer and get him thinking. With a computer the children are merely responding to the machine. When they get the hang of a computer puzzle they lose interest. The sense of achievement they get from solving one of my puzzles is much more rewarding." Mr Holmes hopes to write a book, aimed at youngsters, that explains the thinking behind puzzles.

Prices for his wooden cube puzzles range from £5.95 to £15.95. The cheapest puzzle is only £1.95. A teaser formed by a set of five coloured rings is selling well to Norwegians, who host the next winter Olympics.

He says most children need to be about six or older to be able to solve the puzzles. "It has nothing to do with IQ. Some people just have a knack. But I have had to go ex-directory because I was getting telephone calls in the middle of the night asking for solutions."

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Kevin Holmes at work in Covent Garden: The real market research is conducted on the stall.

Briefings

The British Franchise Exhibition is being expanded to two venues, the first at London's Wembley exhibition centre on Friday and Saturday this week. A second will be held at Manchester's G-MEX centre on February 25 and 26. The London exhibition will be opened by Howard Davies, Director General of the Confederation of British Industry, which is supporting the exhibitions alongside sponsorship by National Westminster Bank. The strategy of Mel Stride, managing director of CIL the exhibition organisers, has been to focus on high-quality franchise formats that will appeal to a wide audience with business experience and sufficient funding. Investments will range from £5,000 to £5 million. Enquiries: Sarah Hamilton. 071-727 7380.

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Snapshots of the 20th century

VISUAL ART: Richard Cork surveys the Barbican's stunning exhibition of photo-journalism, drawn from the 15 million images in the Hulton Deutsch Collection

Selecting an exhibition from 15 million photographs might seem an unenviable, not to say crushing, task. Especially when the archive is as sprawling and incoherent as the Hulton Deutsch Collection, a celebrated mountain of images now stored in two West London mega-warehouses. So Bruce Bernard, the doughty selector, must have needed boundless reserves of stamina as he worked his way through the acres of files and boxes.

Over a nine-month period of incessant delving he managed, with the help of Hulton Deutsch's Sue Percival, to whittle the colossus down to 200,000 pictures. And then the really painful business began, deciding which of the favourites to reject in the search for a concise, palatable survey.

The outcome of this heroic enterprise has now opened at the Barbican Art Gallery, and it turns out to be surprisingly easy to enjoy. Only a few of the photographers are well-known, and their images seem overshadowed by the eye-pulling exhibits elsewhere. Julia Margaret Cameron's portrait of the prodigiously bearded Charles Hay Cameron, posing with hefty tome and staff, looks irritatingly portentous. Even Cartier-Bresson seems reticent to a fault, focusing on an autumnal glimpse of a glum elderly gentleman ruminating in an otherwise deserted Montparnasse café.

Both these great artists suffer from the context they inhabit here. For All Human Life, as its tabloid title implies, concentrates above all on press photographers working for such agencies as Topical Press and Fox Photos. Never credited at the time, their efforts are now deemed anonymous. But that does not mean they lack richness. Take the crisp image of Hitler in 1935, inspecting his troops in Berlin. It looks, at first, like a standard news shot, and the photographer probably had little inkling of the Führer's diabolic nature when the picture was taken.

But Hitler's fanatical arrogance is trenchantly caught. Arrayed in immaculate white tie and tails, he moves past the soldiers with the choreographed nicety of a ballet dancer. Compared with the stolid ranks beside him, he seems an absurdly preening figure. Yet there is no mistaking the laser-like gaze he trains on the men who made up his brutish power-base.

The outcome of Hitler's power-lust is defined with equal force exactly ten years later. In a snow-bound Belgian field, a Keystone photographer discovered a Nazi officer lying frozen in a fox-hole. He may have died from the cold rather than wounds. Either way, his hunched form could not be more wretchedly removed from the spruce, rigid figures who presented arms for their leader a decade earlier.

In this instance, British newspapers and magazines would have been happy to carry such irrefutable evidence of the enemy's defeat. But the Fox employee who photographed a bus in a Balham bomb-crater never saw his picure published. Pitched head-first into an alarmingly deep hole, the abandoned vehicle epitomises national crisis in 1940. The ironical presence on the bus's side of a Swan Vestas advert for "The Smoker's Match", with its genial illustration of an untroubled man lighting his pipe, must have made the photograph even less acceptable. It was censored at once, and only at this distance can we dispassionately appreciate its surreal power.

An eye for the bizarre is, of course, a vital part of the photo-journalist's armoury. But when the Surrealist influence was at its height, photographers proved ready to find dream-like incongruity in the most humdrum assignment. Documenting the GPO Clock and Telephone Workshop at Holloway in 1937, an unknown Fox photographer must have relished pointing a lens at one of the men working there. For his mundane coat is festooned, around the shoulders, with an extravagant tangle of wires. They look like flowing tendrils of hair, borrowed perhaps from a tribal chieftain's costume. At any rate, their fantastical abundance makes a nonsense of the neat, sober concentration of the man himself.

The Surrealist influence comes to a climax in 1950, when Kurt Hutton visited a disused chapel off the Portobello Road. Here he found Gems Ltd, an unsettling factory where wax models were produced for hospitals, museums and shop windows. He focused on a middle-aged woman whose bearing and uniform make her look like a respectable school matron. But instead of helping to cure a patient, she appears to bend over a decapitated victim and smother his face with a pillow. In reality, she is wrapping a model bound for America. Hutton ensures, however, that her hands take on some of the macabre power of Judith clasping Holofernes's severed head.

Well represented in the show, Hutton worked for the legendary *Picture Post*. Bernard writes with nostalgic enthusiasm of the magazine's heyday, and his admiration is fully justified. *Picture Post*, whose photographs give the Hulton Deutsch Collection much of its zestful flavour, was the apogee of Britain's illustrated periodicals. Even there, the house-lensmen had to wait six years after the magazine first appeared to get themselves credited by name in its pages. After 1944, though, readers were fully informed about the identity of the men and women who took *Picture Post's* continually arresting pictures.

Hutton himself is one of the most versatile. In October 1944 he contributed a Rembrandtesque study of village life. Handel Lewis, the postman, shoe-mender and barber, is shown giving "Old Tom" Owen, the wizened hedge-layer, a hair-cut. Half-hidden in the chiaroscuro of the makeshift shed, the two figures resemble the last survivors of a rural innocence almost beyond recall.

> 'A dream-like incongruity could be instilled into the most humdrum of assignments'

The *Picture Post* photographer knew, better than anyone, that life in Britain was altering rapidly in the postwar years. George Douglas caught the changing role of women in a picture of the soot-smeared Olive Walker, unwinding with a pint of beer after a bout of chimney-sweeping in Worplesdon. Kitted out in workmanlike clothes, cloth cap and big boots, she looks fully in command of her unexpected job. So does the exuberant voice-coach Betty Thompson, in Thurston Hopkins's dynamic picture of a rehearsal for a Welsh production of *Il Trovatore*. Both Thompson and the principal soprano, Phyllis Ash-Child, personify the full-blooded vim which *Picture Post* loved to celebrate.

But the magazine was just as effective in its uncompromising portrayal of hardship. On a trip to Plymouth, for a series dealing with "The Best and Worst of British Cities", Charles H. Hewitt took a penetrating yet compassionate portrait of a fragile old woman in a condemned house. Whether by accident or design, he photographed her with eyes closed. As a result, her haggard face takes on the stoical air of someone resigned to upheaval, loss of neighbourhood and the nearness of death.

Bert Hardy, one of the most outstanding members of the *Picture Post* team, could encompass extremes of elation and despondency with equal aplomb. Nobody took sparkier pictures of postwar boys playing in blighted city streets, and he was just as eloquent when depicting the plight of a wounded North Korean in 1950.

Shaven-headed and wincing with pain, this seated prisoner braces himself as a medical orderly approaches his injured face. He embodies the suffering inflicted during that savage conflict, but Hardy's picture proved too uncomfortable for the magazine's proprietor to publish. Disturbed by the revelation of prisoners' maltreatment at the hands of the South Koreans, whose regime was supported by the UN, Hulton banned Hardy's picture and the accompanying James Cameron article.

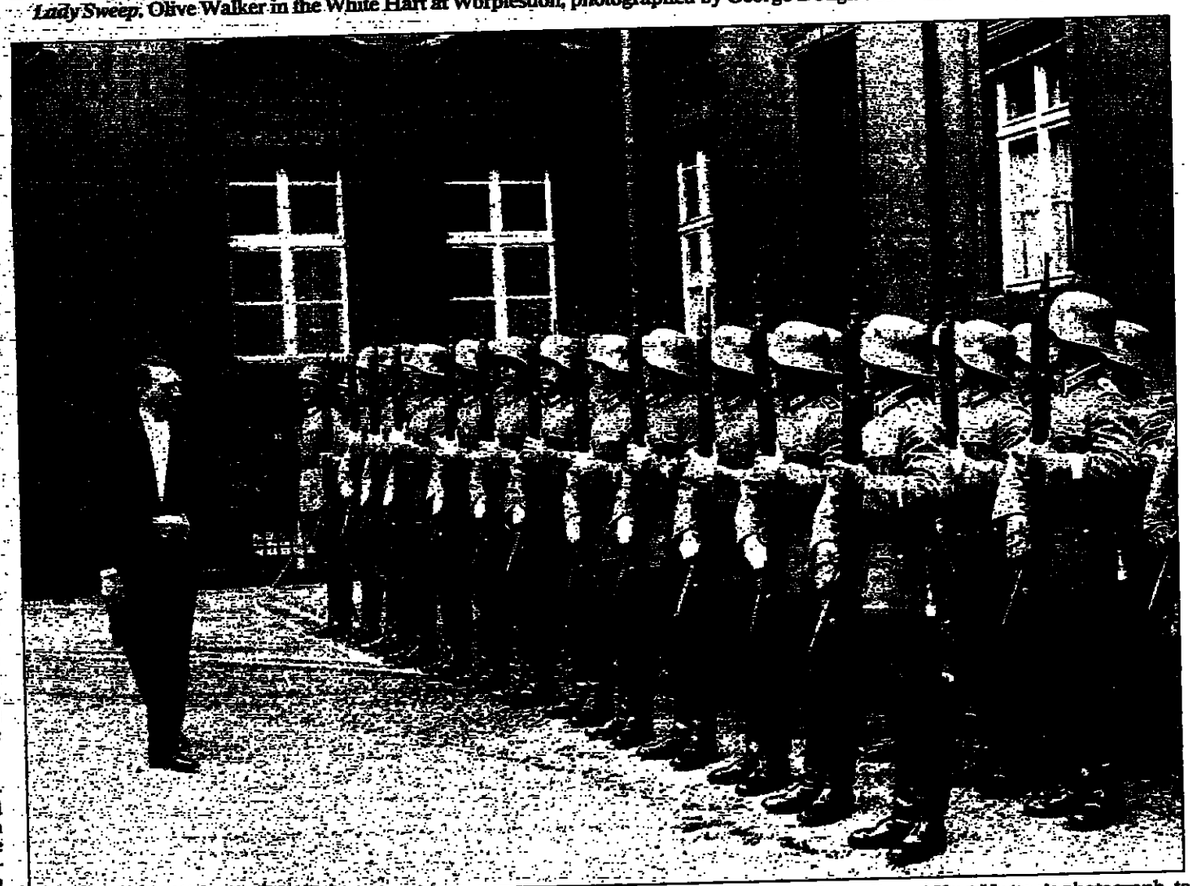
The censorship led to the protesting resignation of *Picture Post's* brilliant editor, Tom Hopkinson, and the beginning of its decline. But at least the photographs survived, in an archive where the very pulse of 20th-century life is captured with vigour, wit, generosity and seasoned precision.

● *All Human Life, sponsored by Apple Computer UK Ltd and Reuters, at the Barbican Art Gallery (071-638 4141) until April 24*





Lady Sweep, Olive Walker in the White Hart at Worplesdon, photographed by George Douglas for *Picture Post*, April 21, 1951; censored image of a bus in a bomb crater, Balham, October 12, 1940





Hitler inspecting troops in Berlin, photographer unknown, March 28, 1935; *Have you a Good Figure?* Kurt Hutton's photograph, taken inside the Gems factory, Portobello Road, November 25, 1950

Digging up new dirt

THE Greek culture minister Melina Mercouri has found a new hobby horse. Instead of demanding that the British Museum return the Parthenon marbles forthwith, last week she turned her attention to the former Greek premier Constantine Mitsotakis, claiming that certain antiquities in his private collection come from illegal digs.

On Tuesday she told a news conference that the items had been robbed from ancient graves in Mitsotakis's home island, Crete, and that she had evidence from a team of five archaeologists to prove it. Not surprisingly, considering the richness of its heritage, Greece has strict laws on the collection of antiquities, in order to try to prevent the theft and sale of ancient treasures.

On Wednesday, Mitsotakis insisted at his own press conference that no laws had been broken. The "mudslinging", he said, was all part of a political campaign by the current prime minister, Andreas Papandreou, he said. By the end of the week Mitsotakis was challenging Mercouri to take her claims to the state prosecutor, or he would start suing her for slander. In the meantime, the disputed items in his 1,000-strong collection of gold coins, jewels and clay statuettes await their fate.

ART MARKET DIARY

● WORKS by the French neo-classical painter Jacques-Louis David are hard to come by: most are in France, and fiercely guarded by that country's strict export controls. But the National Gallery has just managed to buy its second painting by the master in a decade.

The work was produced when David was exiled in Brussels following Napoleon's fall in 1816. The sitter is the Vicomtesse Vilain, former lady-in-waiting to Napoleon's empress Marie-Louise and a great supporter during his exile. At £3.5 million, the sale is a coup for the London dealers Artemis and Colnaghi.

Head hunted

PARISHIONERS at All Hallows church in South Cerney, Gloucestershire were amazed to discover that a wooden head and foot of Christ which had hung forlornly in their nave for generations was worth £60,000, and, furthermore, that the British Museum wanted to buy. The pieces are all that remains of a rare Norman crucifix which was hidden in the wall at the Reformation and then rediscovered by a stonemason in 1913.

But before any thieves get ideas, I hasten to add that the head and foot now hanging temptingly in the nave are in fact replicas, made of polyester resin and supplied by the British Museum. The originals are already out on loan.

● Sotheby's and Christie's efforts to establish a lucrative Chinese paintings market before 1997 have hit a hitch, says the American-published ARTnewsletter. Because the market is so new, there are no universally-acknowledged experts to authenticate the works. As a result, the auction houses had a 40 per cent failure rate at the recent series of auctions in New York. Any volunteers to save the day?

SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

GORMENGHAST: Another welcome return for the David Glass Ensemble and its strikingly staged version of the Mervyn Peake novel
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Opens tonight, until Feb 19.

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: A performance of Verdi's mighty **Requiem**, conducted by Paolo Olmi, with Norma Fantini, Luciana d'Intino, Cesar Hernandez, Simone Alberghini, the Brighton Festival Chorus and the London Choral Society.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800). Tonight, 7.30pm. ◩

TALLIS SCHOLARS: An evening concert from the respected group who paved the way in early choral music; the programme includes Josquin's *Missa ad fugam* and motets by Franco-Flemish composers
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (071-222 1061). Tonight, 7.30pm

ELSEWHERE

BROMLEY: Sian Phillips and David McCallum in James Goldman's Plantagenet drama, *The Lion in Winter*. The conniving, double-crossing and deceitful relations between Henry II and his wife Eleanor of Aquitaine
Churchill, High Street (081-460 6677). Previews tonight and tomorrow, 7.45pm. Opens Thurs, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm. Till Feb 12. ◩

INVERNESS: A fantasy-on-ice version of *The Sleeping Beauty* from the **Russian All Stars** returns to the UK for a lengthy tour. Brought to life by Tatiana Tarasova, the choreographer whose students have won countless medals and honours, the production is created on a 40-square-foot ice platform on the theatre stage
Eden Court, Bishop's Road (0463 221718). Today-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 1.30pm and Sat, 2.30pm ◩

LEEDS: **Opera North's** revival of Chabrier's *L'Etoile* is all that a revival should be, i.e., even better than the original of 1991. Phyllida Lloyd directs; Valentin Reymond conducts with the very necessary precision and straightest of faces for this comedy. Included in the strong cast are Pamela Helen Stephen, Paul Nilon, Jonathan Best, Kate Flowers and Mark Curtis.
Grand, 46 New Briggate (0532 459351/440971). Tonight and Friday, pm. ◩

WATFORD: Opening night for Annabelle Apsion as Lady Brenda in Mike Alfreds' version of **A Handful of Dust**. Evelyn Waugh's biting comedy of manners. The three-month tour continues with dates in Poole and York.
Palace, Clarendon Road (0923-225671). Tonight, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 7.45pm, Fri and Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, 3pm. Until Feb 12. ◩

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: All Human Life. Hulton Deutsch Collection (071-638 4141) ... **British Museum**: Demon of Painting: Kawanabe Kyosai (071-636 1555) ... **Festival Hall**: Photographs of Sebastião Salgado (071-928 3002) ... **National Portrait Gallery**: Holbein and the Court of Henry VIII; (071-306 0055) ... **National Gallery**: David's portrait of the Viscomtesse Vilain XIIII and her Daughter (071-839 3321) ... **Royal Academy of Arts**. Art of the Ancient World, The Unknown Modigliani (071-439 7438) ... **Royal College of Art**: John Minton (071-584 5020) ... **Tate**. Writing on the Wall: women artists (071-887 8008)

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
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■ **AN ABSOLUTE TURKEY**: Felicity Kendal plays a harassed wife and Griff Rhys Jones a frantic bachelor, in Peter Hall's most enjoyable production of Feydeau's Le Dindon
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

□ **APRIL IN PARIS**. John Godber's thin play, unless substantially revised since its Hull premiere. At least the cast has quality: Gary Olsen and Maria Friedman as innocents abroad
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Previews begin tonight, 8pm. Opens Feb 1, 7pm.

□ **CAROUSEL**. Tuneful and cleverly set Rodgers and Hammerstein musical extravaganza.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm ◩

□ **THE CUT**: The first play by former miner Mike Cullen, set at the pit face 3,000 feet underground, where an ex-union rep searches for the truth behind his father's sudden death.
Bush, Shepherd's Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

□ **E D R**. (LIMF) A strong production from the Black Mime Theatre about the emptiness of prison life. The initials stand for Earliest Date of Release
Lilian Baylis, Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-837 4104). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm. Last week of performances ◩

□ **JANE EYRE**. Alexandra Mathie and Tim Pigott-Smith do their best in Fay Weldon's puzzling version of the well-known melodrama.
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat 3pm ◩

□ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm; mat Wed, 2.30pm. ◩

◩ **KIT AND THE WIDOW: JANUARY SALE**. Suave and stinging, the musical satirists pass comment on the social scene with their familiar skill
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Tue-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat 6pm and 8.30pm, Sun 7.30pm.

□ **ME AND MAMIE O'ROURKE**. French and Saunders in wretchedly lightweight US play about lesbian fantasies
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Thurs 8pm, Fri, Sat 6pm and 8.45pm.

□ **PIAF**: Elaine Paige in powerful voice as the Parisian sparrow. The play itself is rather less than marvelous.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed (Lorraine Brunning) and Sat 3pm

□ **RELATIVE VALUES**: Susan Hampshire, Alison Fiske and Sarah Brightman head a strong cast in Coward's snobbish but clever comedy. Tim Luscombe directs.
Savoy, Strand, WC2 (071-836 8888). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm ◩

□ **SEPTEMBER TIDE**: Daphne du Maurier's drama of inappropriate passion returns to the West End with Susannah York as the decent woman in love with her son-in-law (Michael Praed).
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed 3pm and Sat 4pm.

□ **THE SKRIKER**: Caryl Churchill's latest: an ancient shape-shifter (Kathryn Hunter) bursts out of the Underworld and pursues two young girls. Strange, strong stuff.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Preview tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm. Opens Jan 27. Then Jan 28-29 & 31 ◩

◩ **SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER**: Donald Sinden, Miriam Margolyes and David Essex in Peter Hall's revival of the evergreen Goldsmith comedy
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□ **THE THREE MUSKETEERS**: London International Mime Festival. From the comrades who brought *Thunderbirds F.A.B.* to the West End; three actors play a cast of hundreds in a sadly too ordinary version of this much-loved spoof
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, W6 (081-748 3354). Mon-Sat, 8pm ◩ Until Feb 19

◩ **WILDEST DREAMS**: Ayckbourn's mixed hilarious despair with grim laughter as fantasy-game addicts come to grief
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm ◩

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BHAJI ON THE BEACH (15): Laboured, well-meaning ethnic comedy about Asian women on a day trip to Blackpool. Director, Gurinder Chadha.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772)

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◆ **ANOTHER STAKEOUT** (PG): Return visit of Richard Dreyfuss and Emilio Estevez's bantering cops: comedy and action for the easily pleased. Director, John Badham.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683)

◆ **FAREWELL MY CONCUBINE** (15): Chen Kaige's Cannes prizewinner: a bumper bundle of dazzling visuals, Peking Opera, and Chinese history. With Leslie Cheung and Gong Li
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THEATRE: A crime-thriller from Montreal and, below, mixed offerings on a mixed bill

Accidentally on purpose

The Statement
Watermans, Brentford

HÉLÈNE Pedneault, from Jonquière, Quebec, sets her crime story — or love story, for it is both one and the other — in a police inspector's office in Montreal. The structure follows the familiar course for tales of suspense: statement, breakdown, different statement.

Lena Fulvi, from Jonquière, Quebec, has been discovered in her mother's bedroom with an empty hypodermic in her hand and mother dead from an embolism. An open and shut case? Her two sisters (Petra Markham and Susan Gott) think so and declare in their statements on video that they have been anticipating something like this for years. Never did a woman profess such hatred for her mother as Lena did for Madame Fulvi.

The play begins with Lena (Susan Penhaligon) delivering a very long speech directly to us, very assured, very literate, at her ease on the office chair in slacks, open shirt and white cardy, chuckling a little at the strange incidents of childhood that lead to so much.

The Inspector (played by Simon Wright), sitting with his back to the audience across the stage, is turning over a file of papers on his desk so we know that what Penhaligon is telling us is what Lena has already told him. I see no advantage in presenting the material at one remove like this, but perhaps the Inspector has been brought on to the case to make her alter her defence.

She says she stuck a syringe into her mother's arm by accident. But the Inspector claims he models himself on Maigret, though he is far more self-revealing. Following his intuition, he reaches the conclusion that shrewd members of the audience will already have jumped to: "You did not bitterly hate your mother. You desperately loved her." And goodness, what eruptions that causes.

The facts of the case are intriguing and colourful, and Lena's genial mask is just about acceptably explained, but the dialogue announces far too glibly what is going on. For the most part, the lines either reveal the truth or present a precise untruth. Even when real feelings are more coded, access to them is still far too easy to be credible — except in terms of the simplest crime-thriller.

Penhaligon's lilting voice is pleasant but the gathering laughter of her breakdown, the ensuing sobs and scrabbling at the ground, failed to convince this reviewer. From this point the play's interest, along with Astrid Hilne's direction, goes down hill.

You don't have to be a Lothaire Bluteau, frothing in grief in a similar "investigation" play — also by a Canadian — but more stops need pulling out when, after all, the pretences of a lifetime are being overturned.

JEREMY KINGSTON

MARILYN KINGWILL



Open and shut case: Susan Penhaligon explaining her mother's death

Happily in the end

Oedipus/The Haunted House
Bridge Lane Theatre, Battersea

LIGHTS up. The fiercely austere set burns its unforgiving lines instantly on the retina. The stage is bare but for a narrow path with a sheer drop either side. Coming straight at us, it slopes sharply down from the entrance of Jocasta's palace — a gash up the centre of the backcloth reaching to the sky. Soon Oedipus stands regally on the threshold, splendid in stiff folds of blood-red silk, so epically broad-shouldered he could surely bear the burden of a kingdom.

The moment he opens his mouth, however, one has one's doubts. Our hero lisps, sounds as if the king and queen of Corinth surrogately raised him on the banks of the Thames estuary, and is hard put to remember what the next word is, let alone who his real mother was. Oedipus, as played by Carlton Chance, takes a bathetic tumble rather than a tragic fall. The chubby topless prophet Teiresias (Ged McKenna), with an Irish accent, ethnic necklace and visibly perfect sight, is equally unbelievable.

Michelle Butt, by contrast, is a powerfully fraught Chorus, condensing Sophocles's crowd reactions into a single character. The lyricism of the original Greek odes is captured by the poetic imagery of Peter Oswald's translation and moodily supported (when not drowned out) by Corin Buckeridge's accomplished score. Polly Irvin's direction is somewhat crass and fails to fill out formal dialogue with engaging psychological details. Still, Gabriella Ingram's costumes are, in the main, distractingly good.

In Plautus's *The Haunted House* — part two of this double bill — Ancient Roman comedy turns out to be a psychedelic pantomime, peopled by party animals who flaunt leopard-print pyjamas and zebra skin waistcoats. They inhabit adjacent villas that look like 1960s Wendy houses painted in primary colours. We share Philolaches's squiffy perspective of his father's property as he downs his absent daddy's champagne.

Mark A. Benson, terrifically physical, breathes crazy life into a cameo role, slivering, hissing and pouncing around as the money lender, like a lizardy leopard in a PVC mac. McKenna, somewhere between Ken Dodd and Dylan Thomas, is a triumphant tricksy slave, throwing lies around like hot potatoes.

Generally, the clowning needs finer tuning and faster pacing. Still, it is a mighty happy conclusion after so sorry a start.

KATE BASSETT

OPERA: **Rodney Milnes** on a laborious revival of a mediocre production, redeemed by the female principals

Bad night in Seville

Carmen
Covent Garden

SENSATION at the Royal Opera House: a French singer as Carmen! Whatever next? When Magali Damonte stepped on stage at 24 hours' notice to substitute for a virally disadvantaged Denyce Graves, she was the first native French mezzo to sing the role in London for nearly 30 years, and the previous one (Lyne Dourian, 1967) was also a last-minute substitute. In fact, no French singer has been cast as Carmen at Covent Garden since the Second World War. The ways of the operatic world are indeed incomprehensible.

I heard Damonte's highly promising debut in Aix in 1981 in a small role in *Tancredi*. She has since enjoyed a successful career in other Rossini operas and as Carmen, and made her British debut at the Edinburgh Festival in *L'Etoile* in 1985. Her voice is not huge, but it is warm, clear and projects easily, and she has a nicely incisive chest register for the few moments when Bizet's gypsy shows her claws. She paced herself very cannily in this large auditorium, only letting fly when she really needed to, and her singing was blessedly free of ham or exaggerated vocal hip-swinging — her carefully shaped account of the Card Song gave especial pleasure.

But the greatest joy was for once to hear the French language sung, and indeed spoken, with such verve, style and point. Bizet's heroine, as opposed to Mérimée's, uses humour as a weapon, and Damonte's laid-back, throwaway delivery of the lines was spot-on. It would be wonderful to hear her in a proper production, properly rehearsed.

Fat chance at Covent Garden, where almost inevitably the last-minute substitute was the only one involved to show any understanding of what *Carmen* can yield — about the rest, the less said the better. The Nuria Espert production is dreary beyond description, the long-discredited edition used (why?) remains crippled by crass misreadings, and although the dialogue is restored, most of the lines that matter are heedlessly cut.

There are, of course, no other French singers, but several candidates for the Churchill Memorial prize for French Diction (I heard the word "bien" pronounced three different ways in as many seconds). Barseg Tumanyan is spectacularly miscast as Escamillo; Neil Shicoff sings José at one level of intensity (has he ever thought about what any of the words mean?) and his characterisation is totally abstract: the lovely Leontina Vaduva (Micaëla) is defeated by a conductor whose lugubrious tempos force her to break musical lines time and again.

Indeed, if Opera North can find a conductor — Valentin Reymond — sympathetic to French music, then why in heaven's name cannot the Royal Opera? Jeffrey Tate's elephantine speeds and trowel-wielding application of unwanted rubato beggared belief. And so one of the great masterpieces of opera sank without trace, save for a few bubbles burping reproachfully on the surface of a quagmire of lazy thoughtlessness.



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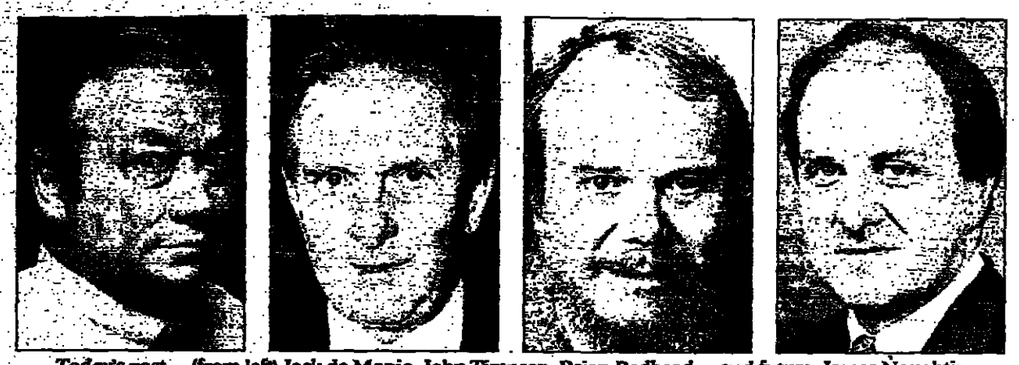
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There will be another Today, tomorrow

Peter Barnard on Brian Redhead and the programme that was his home



Today's past — (from left) Jack de Manio, John Timpson, Brian Redhead — and future, James Naughtie

Radio 4's *Today* programme and its chief presenter Brian Redhead were made for each other. He said that he fitted it like a glove; that was not immodest, simply a statement of the reality. It was true because *Today* is all about proper journalism and Brian Redhead was a proper journalist.

There is a lot of radio journalism about these days. But not all of it, indeed not that much of it, is fit to walk in the same sun as Redhead and *Today*.

The spread of commercial stations in need of a new approach has influenced even Radio 4, which becomes a touch jingle-happy around teatime, with a *PM* programme that is fond of dramatising the relatively trivial in an attempt to make all news sound like big news.

Such efforts to jazz up the news would amuse Redhead and the team he leaves behind, for the strength of *Today* is content, not presentation. For all that Redhead was rightly lauded as one of our greatest radio personalities, his triumph was in making the story interesting and never making himself the story.

Never the story? Well, not until yesterday morning. On that particular *Today*, Redhead led the news from first to last. Yet the programme has rarely better demonstrated the fact that it is far bigger than the sum of its presenters.

It is a tricky card to play. Overplay it and you are wallowing, underplay it (always the bigger danger) and the risk is that in bending over backwards you have toppled into letting everyone else do the story better than you.

Today is essentially a programme listened to in half-hour and one-hour segments: listeners will wake up, dress and breakfast in one hour, then pick up some more in the car. Yesterday, therefore, each half-hour had some reference to Redhead and devoted the rest of the segment to other news.

The programme was in some ways fortunate to have a slow news morning, the kind on which Redhead loved to test his ability to worry the best out of a thin story. The United Nations command changeover in Bosnia and bits of fairly dull domestic politics meant nothing was squeezing the airtime available for Redhead.

There was a hushed and reverential tribute from Baroness Thatcher, with whom Redhead had so little in common one could have written it on a postcard from Macclesfield. There was also a call from John Timpson in his beloved Norfolk.

Timpson was, for my money, the best of Redhead's co-presenters, playing the southerner to Redhead's amused northerner with grace and wit on both sides.

There was only one small embarrassment, when a sports presenter asked Peter Hobday if he was all right. We knew what he meant, but on such a morning the question was better left unasked. Hobday, Sue MacGregor and John Humphrys were better than all right: they were handling a difficult morning with the professionalism one would expect.

In doing so, they were paying the best tribute of all. Redhead had had his difficult mornings of late: a 4.30am arrival at Broadcasting House did nothing for a constitution under assault from illness. But he never let it show. Proper journalists soldier on.

Redhead learnt the trade on a Whitley Bay weekly and sharpened his skills on the features pages of the then *Manchester Guardian* (pages he virtually invented) before being sacked as editor of the *Manchester Evening News* by a stupid management which knew not what it had.

Manchester's loss was the nation's gain. But let us not fall into thinking that *Today*'s loss is any way terminal. Redhead helped to make the programme what it is, but he was no more and no less than the emblem of its standards and its accessibility.

There was a *Today* era when Jack de Manio seemed irreplaceable, if only because the listeners had become used to setting their watches by a man who couldn't tell the time. Now we await the arrival of James Naughtie from *The World at One*, another graduate from the printed word.

Redhead was everything that has been claimed for him, an uncommon broadcaster in touch with the requirements of the common listener. I spoke to him only once, for half an hour, long enough to know that he was a heck of a nice man, too. As he was fond of saying, without a trace of embarrassment, God bless.

Frenchmen talking with their hands

Jérôme Deschamps is more than a mime artist, and his company does much more than clown. **Kenneth Rea** *meets the man struck dumb by the world's realities*

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Amid a jumble of allotments and cramped houses, the cast of the Compagnie Jérôme Deschamps acts out, in *Les Pieds dans l'Eau*, Sartre's observation that hell is other people

While chewing one of his neighbour's sticky biscuits a DIY enthusiast loses a few fillings. With sublime logic he turns an electric drill on his teeth, patches the holes with filler, then uses an electric sander to finish the job, showers of sparks flying from his mouth.

The scene, from the Compagnie Jérôme Deschamps's *Les Pieds dans l'Eau* (*Feet in the Water*), is an inspired gag of the type London International Mime Festival audiences have become used to. When the show opens in Manchester on Thursday it will surely have them rolling in the aisles.

But while it is easy enough to make people laugh at a display of physical dexterity or slapstick farce, to modify their view of the world requires an altogether rarer vision. This is why Deschamps is widely regarded as one of France's finest and most original theatre talents.

"All of my productions are about the difficulty of being happy and making life go on," says Deschamps, who insists he is an optimist. "We are showing people trying to make war against the difficulties of life and, like children, hoping to be happy. And I think that's why the audience is touched by the performances."

Deschamps's background combines the histrionic and the eccentric. Hubert Deschamps, his uncle, was a famous actor, but his father, a scout master, preferred strutting about in short pants and organising jamborees. A brother and another uncle became priests. Surviving only a few months as a boy scout, the young Jérôme fled to the theatre. In 1973, after studying at the Conservatoire, he entered the Comédie Française and attracted the interest of Antoine Vitez, one of France's leading directors.

Vitez invited him to devise a clown show for the Théâtre National de Chaillot and four years later Deschamps founded his own company. Since 1978 he has worked in close collaboration with Macha Makeieff, who makes the costumes, co-directs and is also his wife.

> 'We show people hoping, like children, to be happy'

Deschamps's productions combine clownish anarchy with the kind of impeccable timing and incisive observation that recalls the films of another family member, Jacques Tati, a distant cousin.

Like Tati, who has occasionally turned up to give a helping hand, Deschamps tries to lift the mundane into the realm of visual poetry; to tease the extraordinary out of the ordinary. In *Les Pieds dans l'Eau* the awful trivia of suburban life takes on a surrealistic dimension that is both poignant and farcical.

The setting is a sprawling jumble of allotments and cramped dwellings (which is partly why the company is appearing in Manchester, City of Drama for this year: a large enough stage could not be found in London). On this playground, well-meaning neighbours unwittingly endorse Sartre's famous observation that hell is other people. Zealously they emerge from sheds and doorways jabbering nonsense, finishing each other's sentences, giving useless advice and pretending to understand the most inarticulate grunts and mumbles.

They are not much better off, Deschamps seems to be saying, than the chorus of barking dogs that opens the show. Yet the way they are portrayed is suffused with warmth and humanity, for it is not Deschamps's intention to mock people.

One character has lovingly made a device for recycling empty bottles, another guzzles wine through a pipe connected to a storage tank. The DIY man amuses himself with coloured fountains and remote-controlled door openers, then finds himself tied upside-down in an electric rocking chair that goes berserk and throws him across the garden. The shadow of cousin Jacques is never far away.

"In France everyone thinks what he has is better than what everyone else has," Deschamps says. "His car is better, everything is better. We wanted to make a performance about a few people thinking they could be happy with those small things, even though their life is so sad. They are together because they feel better living like that. But they have nothing to say. They just spout the same old stupidities all their life."

Deschamps's ensemble of actors has become highly adept at portraying the absurdities of urban neurosis. Despite all the slapstick, you have the impression of watching real people rather than clowns. This reflects the company's way of working. The starting point is not the text or scenario — indeed, there isn't one at the outset — but the actors themselves and their own experiences.

"They are not like professionals," Deschamps says. "They are professional, of course, but they are not working exactly — they are playing with their lives. It's as if they try to find a kind of brother in themselves. And that's interesting because the audience finds it hard to tell if it's an actor or not.

"That's why I must have actors with life experience. But with so many actors it's impossible to see the background, because you see only the professional gloss.

"You can't have contact that way. So we work to find an opposite way from the French schools, because generally they say to the actor: 'Forget about your life, you are an actor. You will be able to play everyone.' I think that's not true. The truest moment is when you confront something that you cannot do. That's more interesting because it reveals something about who you are."

As an actor himself who usually appears in his own shows, Deschamps feels it is crucial that his actors are happy in their play, for he believes the audience senses this immediately. So, if the rehearsal atmosphere is not happy, they all stop work until it is. "I can only work if I have complicité with the actor," Deschamps says. "Complicité between actors is the most important thing for me. It's when they really know each other and like each other. When they like to play together and know how to play."

Deschamps finds this sense of play lacking in so much French theatre today, and attributes the loss to too much money, the reverse of the problem facing British theatre. Throughout France, sumptuous, state-of-the-art theatres have sprung up, with companies to fill them, not because there is an unquenchable thirst for theatre, but because the French government thinks it is good to spread the provision.

The spirit of this policy is admirable, but throwing money at a patch of land does not in itself make the arts flourish. As Deschamps points out, many companies no longer seem to know why they are doing plays.

"They become institutions with lots of bureaucracy, and they start to forget the audience," he says. "Often it's culture for culture's sake. Sometimes you see a performance and say, why did they do that? Just for the sake of culture.

"But that's not enough. Theatre and films and music are made to say something. If they have nothing to say, it would be better to stop."

● *The Compagnie Jérôme Deschamps is at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester (061-273 4504). Thurs-Sat, special free coach from London on Thursday (tel 071-637 5661)*

CONCERT: Midori belies her celebrity status

No safety-first among equals

THE violin and piano recital by **Midori** and **Robert McDonald** at the Birmingham Symphony Hall was billed as a celebrity event. It was actually a lot better than that. Neither a display of personality nor a parade of virtuosity, it was a deeply thoughtful collaboration between two serious musicians in a programme that might have been designed specifically to deter all but the least frivolous of their followers.

Alongside the Schnittke, the Bartók and the Messiaen, the one romantic work was Brahms's Sonata in A, and the one concession to popular taste the Saint-Saëns Introduction and Rondo capriccioso.

Moreover, from the Bartók repertoire they chose not the folksong arrangements, not the rhapsodies, not even the Violin Sonata No 2, but its longer, tougher and slightly earlier companion, which represents the composer at his radical extreme in every technical respect.

In Bartók's Sonata No 1 for violin and piano there could be no question of anything other than an equal partnership, neither of them dominant (let alone celebrity) in personality, the two instruments pursuing parallel lines to the same end but rarely joining in amicable harmony on the way.

Midori and McDonald were more successful in sustaining their differences assertively and uncompromisingly, than in taking those few opportunities for colour blending that, because of Bartók's reluctance to adjust his scoring to accommodate them, are all the more important. The violinist's range of sound is not extensive, least of all when under the kind of pressure Bartók applies in his sonatas.



Midori: an emotional and intelligent performance

In the obviously more lyrical and comparatively relaxed Brahms Sonata in A, too, Midori's colour resources did not extend to the unstrained sweetness its idyllic atmosphere requires. But, with her, sound is by no means the whole point. The unmistakeable emotional involvement, the structural intelligence, the expressive phrasing, the tuning and finger agility: these are the positive distinguishing qualities.

The one item in which her and her partner's stylistic understanding deserted them was Messiaen's Theme and Variations: any musician who is not prepared to go along with the very slow tempi which are such an essential part of the composer's identity, and which he prescribes here on the initial statement of the theme and on its final climactic appearance, should play something else.

A welcome alternative on this occasion would have been some rather more characteristic Schnittke than the almost pure baroque pastiche of his *Suite in the Old Style* or, indeed, another virtuoso piece to inspire the brilliance so impressively displayed in the Introduction and Rondo capriccioso.

GERALD LARNER

TELEVISION: Brain not a computer – official

New thoughts on thinking

The trouble with scientists explaining themselves to the layman is that, in making things graphic, they sometimes over-stimulate the lay imagination. Take the urbane bespectacled American Nobel Prize-winner Gerald Edelman, whose ideas about the brain were the subject of last night's *Horizon*, *The Man Who Made Up His Mind* (BBC2). Helping us to grasp the miracle of the human cerebral cortex, Edelman said that if he spread out a cortex on the table, it would be the size and thickness of a large table napkin, yet (yet!) would contain 10 billion cells, which make a million billion connections!

It is an amazing thought, obviously, but a deeply worrying one to the literal-minded viewer. *Why* does Edelman want to spread out his cortex like a napkin? Is he depressed? Has he no acquaintance with the disposable serviette?

Actually, Edelman seemed to have everything pretty well worked out. He plays the violin, runs a new, dollar-rich neurosciences research institute in San Diego, and posits a very plausible non-mechanistic theory of the brain, based on Darwinian principles of natural selection, which has received the support of that top cuddly baseball-capped brain cove, Oliver Sacks (the man who mistook his hat for a hat). Moreover, Edelman also had this *Horizon* on his side, evidently. Although the film made reference to a hostile reception to his views, any objections were significantly left unheard.

As explained by Edelman and his eager international team of colleagues in San Diego, the new theory chucks the old "computer" model of the brain out of the window (the film did actually show a computer chucked out of a window, ho hum, diddle-dee). Why is a brain not like a computer? Well, for a start, it is not programmed; for another, each brain makes individual connections, obviously as a result of personal individual history.

Edelman's alternative theory is that the brain develops by means of natural selection, learning to discriminate between useful and useless firing patterns, and strengthening the connections that make sense. Thus a baby swipes randomly at a toy until, by chance, it grabs it. Instantly, the connections producing the successful swipe are underlined and endorsed, so that, in time, the baby gets to grab the toy every time.

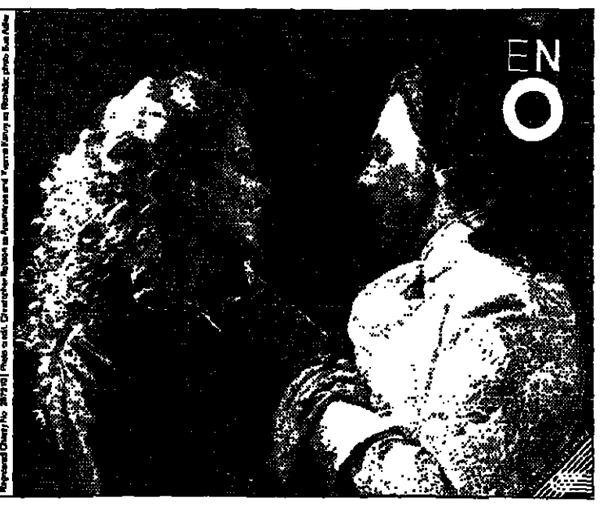
Why do we need to narrow our minds in this way? Well, because the number of possible firing patterns, given the aforementioned million billion connections between our neurones, is so huge that it cannot be expressed. "It is larger than the number of particles in the known universe." Wow. *That* many. No wonder babies look confused.

You could understand why Sacks was such a fan of the selection theory: it helps explain perceptual conundrums, in particular the Sacksian case of blind 50-year-old "Virgil" who was suddenly granted the gift of sight but didn't know what to do with it, having no idea how to order the images to make sense of them. Sacks was shown at a zoo with Virgil (played by an actor, I think): and the camera attempted, pretty well, to show how it was possible not to spot the chimps when there was so much else competing for attention.

Mercifully, Edelman never did the trick with the cortex where he folds it diagonally, scrunches it neatly down the middle and stuffs it in a wine glass. But he is clearly a brilliant man, with an unexpected sense of humour, who is good at seeing the wood, not the trees. But then (as he would surely argue), spotting the wood is precisely what brains are for.

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How much power do courts have to prevent child abduction? **Chris Barton** reports

When love challenges the law


DAVID DYSON

EMERGENCY DOOR

Peter Malkin is taken from Heathrow airport, and (left) a moment of fun with his son in Egypt a few weeks earlier

Sir Stephen Brown, the President of the Family Division, recently sentenced businessman Peter Malkin to 18 months' imprisonment for contempt of court for abducting his son, Oliver, from his mother's home in France.

Yet even *Childright*, the official organ of the Children's Legal Centre, has described the motives of such fathers (as they nearly always are) in less than damning terms. "A separated parent feels excluded from the child's life and this is usually coupled with hostility towards the carer," it said. "In some cases, children are abducted because the separated parent has genuine concerns about the child's welfare and a lack of confidence in the legal system here or abroad to deal with the issues appropriately."

Even *Reunite*, the National Council for Abducted Children, acknowledges that the expropriating parent may regard his actions as a last-ditch attempt to re-assemble his broken family. Some men have taken UK-born children to Islamic states, which they see as better for the child than the western world. Some, however, have been abusing the dowry tradition to benefit themselves rather than the child — older children have been taken to a parent's home country for the purposes of marriage.

How well does the law undo, or even preclude a parent from inflicting on his offspring "a traumatic and possibly violent experience: removal from a settled home, familiar surroundings, school and friends and the settled carer"? — *Childright* again. (In America, it has been estimated that up to 40 per cent of such children become "severely disturbed" as a result of such hijacking.)

It is now the tenth anniversary of the Child Abduction Act, which may render it a criminal offence for one parent to remove a child from the country without the other's consent or without the court's leave. The Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985 more powerfully enables such a child to be returned summarily by co-operation between the central authorities of the countries concerned. Generally, if the proceedings begin within a year of the wrongful removal the child shall be returned "forthwith". If more than a year has elapsed, there will be no return if "the child is now settled in its new environment".

According to the Abduction Unit of the Lord Chancellor's Department, however, the number of applications under the act — 16 in 1986 — reached some 200 in 1991 when, according to *Childright*, practitioners put the numbers of those children actually abducted at nearer 1,000.

Early warning signs are said to include: shock over child residence decisions; a history of conflict over the child; and alienation from the society where the child lives. There is a tendency to snatch only younger children, who may find it more difficult to escape and whose existing emotional ties, the kidnapper may think, are more easily cut.

By definition, the more lawful the frustrated parent, the less likely he is to shanghai his child. If the child is subject to a residence order under the Children Act 1989, legislation that has been criticised for not taking further steps to solve child abduction, removal from the country requires the written consent of the other parent. A stop may be placed on the issue of an ordinary passport, and a British visitor's passport will not be issued to a child under eight.

The Marriages Department at St Catherine's House in London will annotate a child's birth certificate on request, following which a solicitor will be notified if an attempt is made to obtain a duplicate copy of the certificate.

This will prevent the issue of a visitor's passport even if the child is over eight. Under the Children Act 1989, the court, in making a contact order in favour of the non-resident parent, could require the lodging of any passport relating to the child.

The unscrupulous parent might be balked by the "port alert" system, whereby the police will send out an all-ports message on the police national computer, if they are satisfied that the danger is "real and imminent" and not merely an attempted insurance policy. Ultimately, the Child Abduction and Custody Act of 1985 may be needed to undo the kidnapping parent. Unfortunately, it only covers countries which are party to one of the international conventions concerned.

Malkin did select a non-signatory state. It had the further advantage — to him — of having no extradition treaty with the UK. But he had extensive holdings here — and in *Mir v Mir* (1982), it was held that the court could order the sale of sequestrated property. Meanwhile, he is to appeal against the sentence.

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Besieged leader's curious privilege

James D. Zirin on the turbulent Whitewater affair

As President Clinton makes his State of the Union address today he will seek to recapture the political high ground lost after the withdrawal of his nominee for defence secretary and allegations over an Arkansas financial scandal.

Last week Janet Reno, the US Attorney General, appointed Robert Fiske, the 63-year old New York lawyer, as special counsel to investigate the events surrounding the collapse of an Arkansas savings bank and Mr Clinton's property deals — the so-called Whitewater affair.

She has promised a "ruggedly independent" investigation; and Robert Fiske himself, who will direct a team of lawyers and investigators from an office in Little Rock, has pledged he will be "impartial" and "thorough". The inquiry will touch on issues including the circumstances surrounding the suicide of Vincent Foster, the former White House deputy counsel and law firm partner of Hillary Clinton, as well as the removal from Foster's office of certain financial records belonging to the Clintons.



Apart from any political damage to Mr Clinton, the affair raises ethical issues of legal professional privilege. Clinton agreed to produce all of his files to Justice Department investigators probing the death of Foster. But questions are already being raised about whether the underlying investigations have been compromised.

The removal of the files was accomplished at the direction of Bernard Nussbaum, chief White House counsel, who did what any good lawyer would do: he sent the Clintons' financial records to their personal lawyer and Mr Foster's to his personal lawyer. Under the American legal system, these were matters to be thrashed out between the investigators and the Clintons' personal lawyers. But the controversy raged on.

Mr Foster shot himself on July 20 and there was press speculation that Foster had been involved in covering up some financial skulduggery related to James McDougal, the Clintons' partner in the Whitewater Development Corporation, an unsuccessful Arkansas real-estate company and the owner of Madison Guaranty, the failed savings and loan association, or building society, which may have obtained regulatory favours from Governor Clinton's Arkansas administration. Madison's demise cost the taxpayers $60 million, and investigators are checking whether big sums of money had travelled from Madison Guaranty, funnelled through Whitewater and then disappeared — perhaps to help Mr Clinton repay a loan for his 1984 gubernatorial campaign.

In defending White House actions in removing the files, an official claimed that "the President and the First Lady are entitled to the same privileges as other citizens when it comes to their personal records. Lawyer-client privilege still exists." But in a turnabout, the Clintons waived the privilege claim. This claim seems as untenable legally as it was politically. There are serious doubts about whether the lawyer-client privilege applies to records of the kind described.

Legally speaking, the general rule is full disclosure of all relevant facts, and the lawyer-client privilege is considered a narrow exception to this. The privilege applies when a client communicates with a lawyer in confidence to obtain the lawyer's professional advice. In such circumstances, the client cannot be compelled to testify about what he told the lawyer.

However, the rule of privilege has exceptions. The privilege does not apply where the client informs the lawyer about his involvement in a continuing crime. Nor does the privilege apply where the client tells the lawyer of an intention to commit a future crime. For example, if a client were to tell a lawyer about hiding evidence of the looting of a failed building society so as to obstruct the investigating authorities, no privilege would apply. Or, if a client were to tell a lawyer of an intention to conceal the circumstances in which a failed thrift had been looted, the lawyer might be expected to tell the authorities of the plan. Confidential written communications between lawyer and client are likewise privileged. A client cannot, however, "immunise" a non-privileged document such as a business record or even a personal diary by turning the document over to a lawyer.

Courts have adopted procedures for determining whether claims of privilege are valid. A witness in an official investigation cannot shield presumptively pertinent documents from disclosure simply by uttering the shibboleth of privilege.

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Keep out of court

TROUBLE is building up over plans to remove more and more disputes from the courts system and encourage people instead to go to mediation or arbitration.

The Lord Chancellor's statement last week on legal aid is a hint of things to come. Lord Mackay of Clashfern wants people to use the courts as a last resort. But his plans extend beyond legal aid. Personal injury lawyers have told him that his plans for small accident or medical-negligence cases to be settled under the small-claims arbitration scheme will lead to injustice.

Edward Solomons, of Brian Thompson & Partners, says: "These claims, especially in industrial accident and disease cases, are difficult to argue and are unsuitable for the small-claims system. And victims are already David against the Goliath of the insurance companies. The proposals would take away David's sling."

Likewise, divorce lawyers warn that Lord Mackay's divorce proposals will hit the most "financially and emotionally" vulnerable.

The Solicitors' Family Law Association, which represents 3,500 family lawyers in England and Wales, says the divorce proposals could force people to go through mediation to settle their disputes and, if they refuse, deny them legal aid.

INNS AND OUTS

Cow boys?

TONY Bingham, barrister, arbitrator and legal correspondent of *Building* magazine, which this year celebrates its 150th year of publication, has marked the occasion by reflecting on the litigation goldmine that enriches lawyers specialising in construction work.

He likens a construction dispute to a cow — at one end a group of builders tugging on its tail, at the other a group of sub-contractors pulling its head. "In the middle," he says, "are two wigged and gowned barristers happily milking the cow".

He wonders whether in 100 years' time the industry will have chased all the lawyers off the end of Southend Pier.

Cheque out

THE London borough of Haringey has announced plans to sue Customs & Excise over the disappearance of a cheque for more than £1 million sent to the council by post. The cheque was cashed in Vienna in November by a person of unknown identity. The council alleges that Customs should not have sent such a big cheque through the post.

Uncharitable

ANDREW Phillips of Bates Wells & Braithwaite, charity law specialists, is a key member of the deregulation task force pressing the Government to include concessions to small charities in the Deregulation Bill.

Mr Phillips has described the application of charity legislation to all charities with an income of more than £1,000 as "ridiculous". He has pointed out that the relaxation of auditing requirements for small companies has left them more heavily regulated than charities.

Dogged

WHEN Kevin Foley's rottweiler came into season, he tied her up in his garden to keep her safe from any interference. But that reckoned without the determination of Rocky, a next-door neighbour's chihuahua.

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The earth moved, but not the lawyers

Los Angeles may have been shaken but one group of professionals was hardly stirred. **Edward Fennell** reports

It takes more than an earthquake measuring 6.6 on the Richter scale to shake the composure of LA lawyers. While politicians jetted in and neighbours camped out, the robust attorneys of downtown law firms calmly rode the after-shocks and got on with business.

By Wednesday, 80 per cent of the staff at Dewey Ballantine, the American firm linked to Theodore Goddard, were at work as usual, while at Latham & Watkins there was a good turnout, even on the day after the 'quake.

"Frankly I hardly think business has been affected at all," said Joseph Blum, a Latham & Watkins partner resident in London. "I've been receiving correspondence and messages on my computer as if nothing had happened. Hardly any transactions will suffer."

A similar story came from Richard Gary, the senior partner of Thelen, Marrin, Johnson & Bridges, a California firm linked to Turner Kenneth Brown. "We've been shaken but not stirred," said Mr Gary said on Tuesday evening. "All the leading firms are operating as normal."

Jonathan Metliss, a partner with S.J. Berwin, spent last week doing a transaction with the firm of Jeffer, Mangels, Butler and Marmaro. He confirmed that there had been no interruption in service and said the firm had already leapt into action with a client seminar entitled "Coping with Adversity", which addressed issues arising out of the earthquake such as pre-paid rent on devastated buildings and business interruption insurance.

The ease with which LA lawyers have coped is due to three big factors. The downtown area, where most are based, got off pretty lightly. The state of preparedness in terms of security systems and the construction of their buildings meant that there was little serious damage. Second, the fact that Monday, the day of the earthquake, was a federal holiday meant that almost nobody was in the offices, so few transactions were going forward. But third, and most important, the shape of lawyering in LA now means an office is by no means essential to the conduct of business.

"Modern technology is what enables us to cope with disasters whether it be fire, flood, earthquake or riots," said Mr Blum. "You may have trouble with commuting but not with computing."

In fact, many of the lawyers whose travel to work has been disrupted by the collapse of the Santa Monica Freeway are simply working from home — and working just as effectively, if not more so, as being in the office.

Mr Blum said: "Most lawyers in LA have home offices which are linked to the office so combining that with fax and phone and they can operate very successfully. "In any case, a lot of our lawyers would be out visiting clients, or involved in meetings elsewhere in the country. On a short-term basis you don't need the office."

PAUL HARRIS



A gas main blazes in the earthquake's epicentre in the Los Angeles suburb of Northridge, a typical scene that confronted commuters

For smaller firms without the sophisticated technology and office-home connections, it was not quite so easy. But the mood of the city and the profession was to press on with whatever resources lay to hand. This was certainly the case with the one-man LA office of the Cheltenham firm of Wiggin & Co, which serves a mix of wealthy private client and corporate investors. Shaun Lowde, an English lawyer who has been in the city for six months, was unable to get into his office in Century City. "There was nothing wrong with it," he said. "It just needed to be inspected before they would allow us entry". So he stayed at home and, because his local telephone lines had broken down, did business from his car in the garden, using a cellular phone.

"It was frustrating not being able to get to the files in the office but the computer system was fully backed up and survived well. In any case, by Wednesday morning, the building had been checked and we were back to normal."

For Angeleno legal managers, the real issue in the long term is how to respond to the problems of getting to and from work. The staff who live in the Pasadena area have no difficulties, but those who drive in from the west are going to face a year's worth of hindrance. Some of the big firms are now thinking about setting up temporary offices on that side of town until the road system is restored.

London lawyers may have been pretty pleased with how quickly they recovered their poise after the IRA bomb in the City last year but whether they could respond quite as well to an LA-scale disaster is not so clear.

What last week's experience has underlined clearly, however, is that the lawyer's place of work is now the computer keyboard, wherever that may happen to be. The case for lawyers to work from home on a regular basis has been given a mighty powerful endorsement.

No bar to becoming good colleagues

Soon solicitors will have the right to take cases to higher courts

The Lord Chancellor and the senior judges have paved the way for solicitors to set foot in the higher courts. Each branch of the profession should now develop an advocacy service that keeps the benefits of the present system while offering a framework for the future.

For the system to be effective, there must be some ground rules: first, young barristers must have an opportunity to cut their teeth on appropriate work at reasonable costs; second, the mid-career advocate must remain competitive with an acceptable career structure; and third, there must be a senior referral profession (the Bar), where specialists can help those whose firms are too small to maintain such experience in-house. The most important condition, however, is a fluidity of movement, making it easy for an advocate to transfer from one area to the other.

Solicitors now need to show that they can earn respect from the Bar and the judiciary, not only by their standard of performance but by being circumspect and professional in the way their rights of audience are exercised. Only then will they be seen as colleagues and not rivals.

How is this to be achieved? The groundwork has already been done by the Law Society itself in imposing regulations within its application for rights of audience that render it impracticable for any City firm to train advocates in-house. I am dealing here only with the exercise of those rights in the High Court and above — not in any criminal or county court.

Any case handled by a firm of the size that might contemplate having an in-house advocacy potential would be wholly unsuitable to pass to a newly qualified assistant solicitor for anything other than a most routine application. The "teeth-cutting" cases that are essential for young advocates are small fights in the county court that never come the way of City firms.

There will obviously be a few practitioners in the commercial-litigation department, particularly those with specialist work, who will regularly exercise their rights of audience and, after the appropriate experience has been gained, will apply successfully for their extended rights. The real question



is, where will the next generation of advocates be found?

I see an advocate's career pattern developing in a way that presents greater career opportunities. Let us take first the young barrister who sees his or her career as being at the Bar. If he finds a tenancy, he will obtain all the county court work he might have previously expected. Nothing has changed in this regard. Solicitors have always had rights of audience in such courts yet have chosen to feed many cases to the Bar because it is cheaper to do so.

Later, that barrister will be starting his High Court practice — which is where he will now have a choice. He can remain in chambers and, if good, will find plenty of work coming his way, leading him eventually to silk. For others, partnership in a substantial yet friendly firm of City solicitors has great attractions. It can offer the same scope of work, size of case and excitement while providing team work, good back-up and support, administrative facilities and all the benefits of partnership.

I have no doubt that the appropriate and indeed the only recruiting ground for City solicitors will be among young barristers of four to five years' call.

This could be mirrored by City firms with the trainee solicitor who shows flair for advocacy. A firm could sponsor his advocacy training by seconding him to a set of chambers, guaranteeing for him some income for two or three years. This would enable him to receive the workload necessary to gain experience. Later, he can decide whether to return.

If only the Bar Council and the Law Society could make transfer easier, these developments will achieve the objectives I have listed. Solicitors will retain perhaps 25 per cent of their advocacy workload and would be foolish to try for more. For this, they need to ensure that the Bar remains viable and that young barristers can see a sensible career pattern ahead of them. Likewise, the Bar will see that by co-operating with solicitors and allowing practitioners the opportunity for a career move, they will be strengthening their own profession by ensuring that those who remain or return are the best. The high standing of the Bar will then continue to ensure its own successful development.

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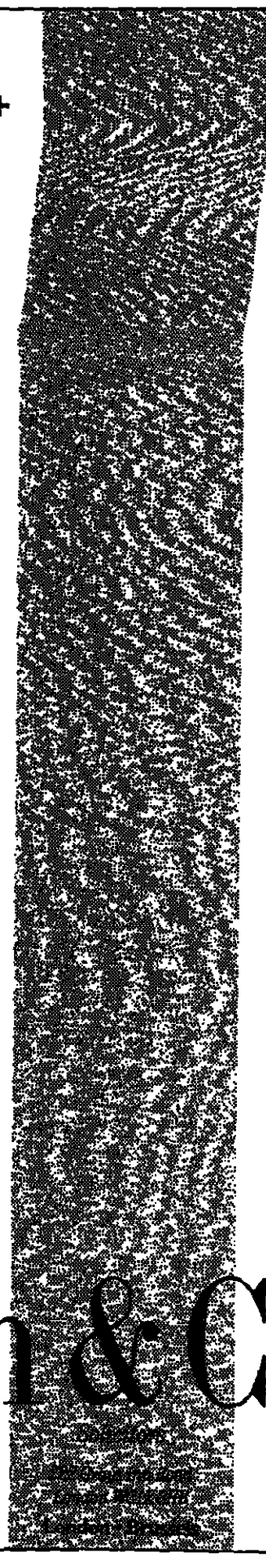
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Queen's Bench Division — Law Report January 25 1994 — Court of Appeal

Estate agent owes duty of care

McCullagh v Lane Fox and Partners Ltd

Before Mr Justice Colman

[Judgment January 14]

A vendor's estate agent owed a duty of care to a purchaser of property in respect of negligent mis-statements upon which the purchaser relied in entering into the purchase contract.

Mr Justice Colman so held in the Queen's Bench Division when finding that the plaintiff, Edward McKim Lyell McCullagh, had on the evidence not established that any loss had been suffered and dismissing his action for negligent mis-statement against the defendants, Lane Fox and Partners Ltd.

Mr Philip Havers for Mr McCullagh; Mr Richard Lynagh for Lane Fox.

MR JUSTICE COLMAN said that the plaintiff bought the residential property on May 14, 1990. He and his wife saw the house advertised as having grounds of nearly an acre and viewed it briefly with Mr Andrew Scott, an employee of the defendant, on Saturday May 12.

They were impressed particularly by the size of the plot described in the agent's particulars as 0.91 acres. That was incorrect, the result of a miscalculation. It was in fact 0.48 acres.

The judge found that Mr Scott had said during the purchasers' viewing that the size was 0.92 acres.

The plaintiff, told of a offer already accepted of £810,000, made a counter offer of £875,000 and indicated his readiness to exchange contracts on the Monday. The agent's particulars contained a disclaimer as to factual representations and the need of intending purchasers to satisfy themselves as to correctness.

To succeed the plaintiff had to establish that the misrepresentation caused him to enter into the contract.

It was unnecessary for the tort of deceit that the misrepresentation should be the only consideration which caused him to act as he did but it was enough that his judgment was influenced.

The same analysis of the requisite causal linkage applied equally in negligent misrepresentation cases such as the present.

His Lordship found that the plaintiff's understanding of the size of the area originated with the advertisement. That belief was clearly confirmed and fortified by Mr Scott's oral statement. It followed that that oral misrepresentation was material and influenced the plaintiff's decision to purchase. Accordingly, he had established the necessary causal connection between the oral representation and the decision to purchase.

Negligent mis-statement required three elements before liability could arise: (i) foreseeability of damage, (ii) proximity or neighbourhood of the parties and (iii) whether it was fair, just and reasonable that the law should impose a duty of the scope contended for.

In the instant case, the ingredients of proximity and of the imposition of the duty being just and reasonable had to rest primarily, if not exclusively, on the purpose for which the representation was made; that it was made in a professional capacity to a particular potential purchaser in relation to a particular and identifiable transaction and that, to the knowledge of the representor, it was highly likely it would be relied upon by that purchaser in entering into that transaction without making his own investigation.

The course adopted by the plaintiff of exchanging before survey, although not unknown, was unusual. He did so in the knowledge of the clause in the contract by which he acknowledged that he did not do so in reliance on any statement or representation save through solicitors' enquiries. He therefore knowingly took the risk that if the estate agents had miscalculated the area he would have no recourse against the vendors.

It was that decision that put the defendant in the unusual position of being relied upon as the party solely responsible for the accuracy of the information on the basis of which the purchaser chose to commit himself to the cotract.

In *James McNaughton Paper Group v Hicks Anderson & Co* ([1991] 2 QB 113, 126) Lord Justice Neill had said it was necessary to consider whether the plaintiff did use or should have used his own judgment or sought independent advice.

Mr Scott knew prior to exchange that there would be no independent survey and in his Lordship's judgment it was material to what was just and reasonable that it was the plaintiff's decision to adopt that unusual course which invested the representation by Mr Scott with a causal effect which it would not normally have had.

His statement confirming the area of the plot then became a matter which it would be obvious to anybody would be one of the facts which, without further investigation, a purchaser would have in mind so that it influenced his decision when he entered the contract.

It was when Mr Scott appreciated that there was to be no independent survey that the question of duty and, in particular, proximity and what was just and reasonable, had to be tested.

His Lordship concluded that at that time there did exist the neighbour or proximity relationship between Mr Scott and the plaintiff which was a necessary ingredient of the duty of care.

His Lordship was unable to accept Mr Lynagh's submission that the disclaimer of liability on the particulars of sale protected the defendant in the circumstances of an oral misrepresentation by Mr Scott. The disclaimer related exclusively to the contents of the particulars of sale.

Having considered evidence on property values in the district, his Lordship found that it was not established that the price the purchaser paid was more than the true value of the property and, accordingly, he had failed to prove any loss. It followed that he had no cause of action and his claim was dismissed.

Solicitors: Mishcon De Reya; Cameron Markby Hewitt.

Causal link with monopoly

Regina v Monopolies and Mergers Commission and Another, Ex parte National House Building Council

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Farquharson and Lord Justice Henry

[Judgment January 19]

In deciding whether a practice constituted an action which was attributable to the existence of a monopoly situation within section 48(d) of the Fair Trading Act 1973, it was sufficient for the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) to find a causal link between the action in question and the existence of the monopoly situation, although that did not exclude the possibility of other concurrent causes for the action.

Further, it was open to the commission under section 49(1)(b) of the 1973 Act, once it had found that a monopoly situation existed, to report that a fact operated, or might be expected to operate, against the public interest, even though it had not made a finding that the fact found was attributable to the existence of the monopoly situation.

The Court of Appeal so held, *inter alia*, in dismissing an appeal by the National House Building Council from the dismissal by Mr Justice Auld (*The Times* October 7, 1992) of the NHBC's application for judicial review of the decision of the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to adopt the findings of the MMC that rule 12 of the NHBC's *Rules for builders and developers registered under the NHBC scheme* was an anti-competitive practice which should be amended. The court also allowed a cross-appeal by the MMC.

Lord Lester of Herne Hill, QC, Mr Thomas Sharpe and Mr Mark Shaw for the NHBC; Mr Michael Beloff QC and Mr A. W. H. Charles for MMC.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that in substance the application by NHBC was directed to the answers given by the MMC to the questions set out in paragraph (d) and (e) of the reference, that is, "the section 48 challenge" and "the section 49 challenge".

The section 48 challenge related to the conclusion in paragraph 8.76 of the MMC report: "That rule 12, in its content and implementation, constitutes an action, on NHBC's part, which is attributable to the existence of the monopoly situation, bearing in mind that the rule was drawn up at a time when NHBC had no competition in the revision of reference services and is one reflection of its position as, at that time, the sole provider of these".

The section 49 challenge related to the conclusion in paragraph 8.77 of the report: "That rule 12 represents a fact which operates and may be expected to operate against the public interest, by reason of the particular effects adverse to the public interest: (a) That the ability of a member of NHBC to use the services of a competitor is restricted, the rule having, except [in certain limited cases] the effect of preventing, without financial penalty, dual sourcing and the sampling of alternative schemes; (b) That actual or potential new entrants to the market for reference services are thereby impeded or deterred; with the result, in each instance, that competition in the supply of reference services is restricted."

The appeal raised three issues:

1 Whether the MMC and the judge correctly construed the word "attributable" in section 48(d).

2 Whether the answer of the MMC to question (d) in section 48 and in the reference was irrational and

3 Whether the MMC complied with its duty under section 48(d), section 49(1) and section 54(2) of the 1973 Act to set out in its report in what way the action or omission of NHBC attributable to the existence of the monopoly situation was so attributable.

In addition, the cross-appeal by the MMC raised a further question: whether on the true construction of section 49(1)(b) any facts found by the MMC in pursuance of its investigations under the preceding provisions of that subsection could include facts found in the course of the initial investigation into whether a monopoly situation existed or whether such facts were confined to the facts found in the course of the ensuing investigation for the purpose of answering the questions mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (d) of section 48.

Dealing with the first issue, his Lordship agreed with the judge that a causal connection had to be established between the action or omission in question and the existence of the monopoly situation before the action or omission could be said to be attributable to the existence of the monopoly situation. It was not enough that the action or omission should be merely associated with the monopoly situation.

On the other hand, his Lordship considered that the "but for" test might sometimes be too rigid a test. The words "attributable to" connoted a causal connection but, in his Lordship's view, did not exclude the possibility of other concurrent causes.

Furthermore, the fact that under section 48(d) the MMC had to report in what way the action or omission was attributable to the existence of a monopoly situation indicated that it was sufficient to find a causal link and that the existence of the monopoly situation need not be the sole cause. With that qualification his Lordship would adopt the judge's approach.

As to the second and third issues raised on appeal, in his Lordship's judgment, the MMC had given an adequate answer to question (d) and a sufficient explanation of the way in which the content and implementation of rule 12, being the relevant action of NHBC, was attributable to the existence of the monopoly situation.

In the light of the finding by the MMC of actions on the part of NHBC which were attributable to the monopoly situation the issue raised by the cross-appeal did not require determination in the present case. Nevertheless, as it was a matter of some general importance, the court was asked to express its views about it.

His Lordship differed from the judge on that point. A section 49(1) reference fell conveniently into three parts:

1 The investigation and report on the question whether a monopoly situation existed in relation to the matters set out in the reference (the antecedent investigation).

2 The investigation and report on the specific questions mentioned in section 48(a) to (d).

3 The investigation and report on the question whether any facts found by the MMC in pursuance of its preceding investigations operated, or might be expected to operate, against the public interest.

The arguments with which the court was concerned at the present stage related to the third of those investigations which his Lordship would call the public interest investigation. It seemed clear to his Lordship that the public interest investigation had to be limited to the facts found by the MMC in pursuance of its preceding investigations under (1) and (2).

As a matter of construction of section 49(1), however, his Lordship could see no reason why the facts found should be limited to the facts found when investigating the questions mentioned in section 48(a) to (d). In his Lordship's judgment they could include facts found by the MMC in the course of the antecedent investigation when it was considering the question whether a monopoly existed in relation to the matters set out in the reference.

In his Lordship's view, it would be open to the MMC, once it had found that a monopoly situation existed, to report that a fact operated or might be expected to operate against the public interest, even though it had not found that the fact found was attributable to the existence of the monopoly situation.

His Lordship did not find that to be a surprising conclusion because it would be unduly restrictive of the powers of the MMC if, having found that a monopoly situation existed and having found that some rule or practice operated against the public interest, it was powerless to make any recommendation because it could not be satisfactorily established that the rule or practice was attributable to the existence of the monopoly situation.

Lord Justice Farquharson and Lord Justice Henry agreed.

Solicitors: Mr R. S. Pembroke, Amersham; Treasury Solicitor.

Reports for administrative orders

Practice Note (Administration order applications: Independent reports)

The reports which rule 2.2 of the Insolvency Rules (1986 SI No 1925) provided could be used to support an application for an administration order under part 2 of the Insolvency Act 1986 should not be unduly detailed thereby adding unnecessarily to the expense of obtaining such an order.

Sir Donald Nicholls, Vice-Chancellor, so stated in the Chancery Division in a practice note, made after consultation with the other judges of the Chancery Division, and delivered on January 17.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that administration orders under part 2 of the 1986 Act were intended primarily to facilitate the rescue and rehabilitation of insolvent but potentially viable businesses.

It was of the greatest importance that that aim should not be frustrated by expense and that the costs of obtaining an administration order should not operate as a disincentive or put the process out of the reach of smaller companies.

Rule 2.2 of the 1986 Rules provided that an application for an administration order might be supported by a report by an independent person to the effect that the appointment of an administrator for the company was expedient.

It was the experience of the court that the contents of the rule 2.2 report were sometimes unnecessarily elaborate and detailed. Because a report of that character was thought to be necessary, the preliminary investigation would often have been unduly protracted and extensive and, hence, expensive.

The extent of the necessary investigation and the amount of the material to be provided to the court should be a matter for the judgment of the person who prepared the report and would vary from case to case.

However, in the normal case, what the court needed was a concise assessment of the company's situation and of the prospects of an administration order achieving one or more of the statutory purposes. The latter would normally include an explanation of the availability of any finance required during the administration.

Every endeavour should be made to avoid disproportionate investigation and expense. In some cases a brief investigation and report would be all that was required.

Where the court had insufficient material on which to base its decision, but the proposed administrator was in court, he might offer to supplement the material by giving oral evidence. In such a case he should subsequently provide a supplemental report covering the matters on which oral evidence was given so that that could be placed on the court file.

In suitable cases the court might appoint an administrator but require him to report back to the court within a short period so that the court could consider whether to allow the administration to continue or to discharge the order. In some cases the court might require the administrator to hold a meeting of creditors before reporting back to the court, both within a relatively short period.

It was the experience of the judges who sat in the Companies Court that, in general, a rule 2.2 report was valuable as a safeguard in assisting the court to see whether the application had a sound basis.

However, there might be straightforward cases in which such a report was not necessary because it would provided little assistance. Practitioners were reminded that the rules did not require that a rule 2.2 report had to be provided in every case.

Irregularity without injustice

Regina v Manchester City Magistrates Court, Ex parte Birtles

Where justices indicated that they would not take "any real notice of" evidence improperly admitted at a committal hearing, there was, despite the irregularity, no injustice to the defendant.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Mrs Justice Smith) so held on January 20 in refusing an application by Jason Birtles for judicial review of a decision by the Manchester City Justices on July 16, 1992 to commit him for trial on a charge of wounding with intent contrary to section 18 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861.

LORD JUSTICE RALPH GIBSON said that the court was reluctant to quash a committal on the ground of mis-receipt of evidence and would do so only if it amounted to a material irregularity resulting in real injustice to the applicant.

The irregularity relied on by the applicant arose from an error made by counsel for the prosecution who, at the conclusion of the evidence, made improper reference to a lack of inconsistency between the evidence as given orally in court and as contained in police witness statements.

Rejecting a submission that the justices should disqualify themselves from proceeding with the case, the chairman announced that the justices proposed to continue with the case and that they would not take "any real notice of" what counsel had said.

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Washington capitalises as Wilander feels pace

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MATS Wilander was supposed to be playing tennis for fun but last night it suddenly became a serious matter. Serving at 4-4 and 30-0 in the fourth set against Malivai Washington, he was half a dozen points away from a place in the last eight of the Australian Open.

That in itself would not have been a new experience for the Swede who claimed the title twice at Kooyong and at the inaugural championship here at Flinders Park. But Wilander, now ranked 322nd in the world, was competing in only his sixteenth match since resuming his career in April.

Ultimately, shortage of practice was his undoing. From a position of unforeseen promise, he won only one more game and his record of indefatigability was broken 6-7, 6-2, 6-7, 6-4, 6-1. Never before at either venue had he been taken to five sets and been beaten. Washington grunt, as though he has been struck violently in the solar plexus.

He has been known to direct his shots deliberately at his opponent and, when awaiting serve, he indulges in a manic dance on the baseline. His gamesmanship even extended to warning the umpire in his second-round match against Guillaume Raoux that the Frenchman was prone to foot fault.

Muster approached the official after the first point of the match. In his defence, he claimed that he could have waited until a break point before making his appeal. The argument was less than convincing, but perhaps his mood had been dictated by an earlier statement by Raoux. "I hate his guts."

Nobody could dislike Edberg, a gentleman off the court, and few could find his stylish elegance on court disagreeable. He has been criticised for his dispassionate exterior, an icy crust as thick as Bjorn Borg's, but he was once punished for displaying anger, albeit inadvertently.

A decade ago in Los Angeles, he attempted to thrash a ball into the net. His aim was awry and he almost struck a linesman at the far end of the court. The act, interpreted as a misdemeanour, cost him a fine of $350. "I'm still paying off the loan," he joked yesterday.

His 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 victory over Magnus Gustafsson, a fellow Swede and the tenth seed, was routine apart from the final point. Edberg improbably returned two smashes and promptly vaulted the net in celebration. Who says he lacks either a sense of humour or emotion?

Muster's elimination of Aleksandr Volkov, the twelfth seed, was even more straightforward. The Russian mentally yielded before the start. "I realised during the warm-up that it was too hot for me," he said, betraying a startling lack of resilience. He went down without a fight, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

Martin could not be sure of overcoming the darkest horse left in the field. Daufresne won the first set and led 5-2 in the second before his belief withered in the oppressive conditions. The temperature was 35°, ten degrees higher than when Henri Leconte collapsed through heat exhaustion.

A year ago Daufresne was losing in the first round of a challenge event in Tenerife to Chris Wilkinson, of Great Britain. The 6ft 4in Belgian, who has since competed in 18 different countries, collected $31,715 in prize money in 1993. He has already earned more this year.

again had to work assiduously for four hours for his reward. The conqueror of Michael Stich, the second seed, in the opening round, he has completed 18 sets in reaching his first quarter-final of a grand slam event. Tomorrow he will meet a fellow American, Todd Martin, the ninth seed.

As long as Martin recovers from his ordeal during the sweltering afternoon, that is. He looked as though he had been through a torture chamber when he returned from his draining contest against Xavier Daufresne. He complained of a bloody nose, sore feet, broken toenails and a weight loss of 7lb.

When Stefan Edberg plays Thomas Muster in another quarter-final, there can be little doubt about where public sympathy will lie. Muster's aggressive manner is not designed to be appealing. Each shot is accompanied by a loud

RESULTS

MEN'S SINGLES: Fourth round: T Muster (Austria) bt A Volkov (Russ) 6-3, 6-3, 6-2; S Edberg (Swe) bt L Jonsson (Swe) 6-4, 6-4, 6-4; T Martin (US) bt X Daufresne (Bel) 6-7, 7-6, 6-3, 6-3; M Washington (US) bt M Wilander (Swe) 6-7, 6-2, 6-7, 6-4, 6-1.

MEN'S DOUBLES: Third round: M Damm and K Novacek (Cz) bt A and M Kratzmann (Aus) 6-2, 6-4.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES: Third round: G Fernandez (US) and N Zvereva (Belorus) bt E Manlikova (Russ) and L Meskhi (Geo) 6-2, 6-1; P Shriver (US) and E Smylie (Aus) bt L Golarsa (It) and N Medvedeva (Ukr) 6-3, 2-6, 6-4; P Fendick and M McGrath (US) bt A Coetzer (SA) and I Gorrochategui (Arg) 4-6, 6-4, 6-1; A Grossman (US) and J Richardson (NZ) bt M Maleeva-Fragniere (Switz) and H Sukova (Cz) 6-1, 6-4; M Bollegraf (Holl) and D Graham (US) bt C Martinez (Sp) and L Neiland (Latvia) 6-3, 6-4; J Novotna (Cz) and A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt E Reinach (SA) and A Strnadova (Cz) 6-0, 5-7, 6-2.

MIXED DOUBLES: Second round: C Suk (Cz) and G Fernandez (US) bt S Melville and M McGrath (US) 6-4, 6-4; E Sanchez and A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt J Fitzgerald and E Smylie (Aus) 8-3, 7-6; M Woodforde and R Stubbs (Aus) bt T Nijssen and M Bollegraf (Holl) 7-6, 6-7, 7-5.

Montana ruins script by failing to reach the big game

Bills give Super Bowl devalued feel

Oliver Holt assesses Buffalo's chances of upsetting Dallas in the NFL final

The Yankees are marching back to Atlanta, unwanted, unloved and defiant. If there was dread in Scarlett O'Hara's heart when the Union soldiers burned her city in *Gone with the Wind*, there was scarcely concealed dismay across the United States yesterday at the prospect of the Buffalo Bills, from upstate New York, contesting their fourth consecutive Super Bowl at the Georgia Dome here on Sunday.

Worse still, they will play the Dallas Cowboys, the team that consigned them to their third successive Super Bowl defeat last year by trouncing them 52-17 in the Pasadena Rose Bowl. It is the first time the same teams have faced each other in the ultimate stage of the National Football League competition in successive years.

The Bills' 30-13 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs wrecked the romantic hopes of a nation rooting for a showdown between Joe Montana, the Chiefs' quarterback, and the San Francisco 49ers, who discarded him last summer after he had led them to four Super Bowl wins.

"Oh, no," Montana groaned after the hit that left him with mild concussion, and forced him out of the game early in the third quarter, when the contest was already slipping away from the Chiefs. The rest of the country groaned with him.

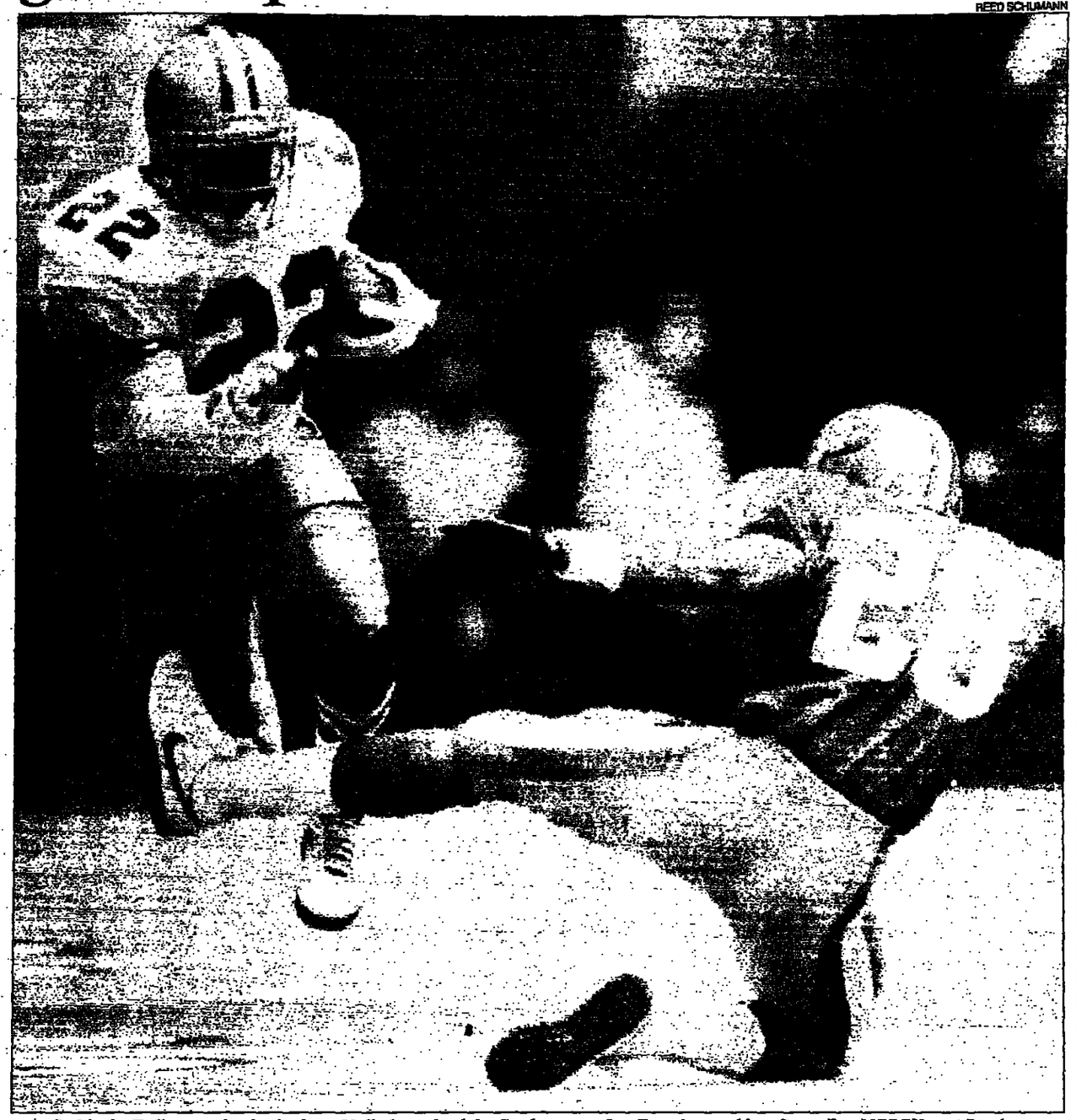
The script was finished for good when the 49ers were beaten 38-21 by the Cowboys in the National Football Conference (NFC) championship game. "Here we go again," the front-page headline in the *Atlanta Constitution* read. "Super déjà vu," another newspaper concluded.

"We have been called the serial killers of the Super Bowl," Darryl Talley, the Buffalo linebacker, said before he invoked the hero of the grisly *Friday the 13th* horror films. "Well, guess what? Jason's back."

Even Jim Kelly, the Buffalo quarterback, who has been pilloried more than most for his team's continued failure to perform on the biggest occasion, was moved to apologise.

"We might have fallen down to defeat in the last three, but I don't care because you can never count us out," he said.

REED SCHUMANN



Smith, the Dallas running back, clears Hall's leg to lead the Cowboys past San Francisco and into Super Bowl XXVIII next Sunday

"The people who didn't want us here, well, I'm sorry. We do not have to prove anything to anybody but ourselves. We have got one more river to cross. No pressure. We are just going down to Atlanta and have some fun. We are going down there to try to come back with a win."

Though the English may love a loser, the Americans do not. The Bills' repeated failures have not only turned the biggest sporting event in the domestic calendar into a series of mind-wearying anticlimaxes, but they have epitomised the gulf in class between the American Football Conference (AFC), which they represent, and the NFC, which has provided the winners for the past nine years.

Dallas, the reconfirmed NFC champions, are the clear favourites to make it a decade of dominance, if not by the margin of last year. They survived the loss of Troy Aikman, their quarterback, and Emmitt Smith, the league-leading running back, early in the third quarter to record a comfortable victory over the 49ers.

Aikman spent the night in hospital with concussion, and may be rested at the start of the Super Bowl. But by the time he left the field on Sunday, he had put his team in an unassailable position, orchestrating flawless drives deep into the opposition half, giving Smith the opportunity to waltz over for two early touchdowns.

San Francisco rallied briefly and cut the deficit to 14 points, but then Aikman's replacement, Bernie Kosar, threw a 42-yard touchdown pass to Alvin Harper and took the impetus out of the Cowboys' brief recovery. The win was something of a relief for Jimmy Johnson, the charismatic Dallas coach, who created a stir among the American media last week by predicting his team would win. "No more predictions," he said.

If the Bills won, of course, it would be one of the most dramatic Super Bowl victories in recent years, a triumph over adversity. "I think people respect us for what we have been through," Kelly said, "and maybe some of them will be for us."

"A lot of people wanted to see Joe Montana against the 49ers, or against Troy Aikman," Don Beebe, the Buffalo receiver, added. "But really, I think it's a better story us going back again and trying to win it."



Montana, of Kansas City, winces after being concussed by the Bills. Photograph: Charles Krupa

Forsbrand signals Swedes' arrival

Mel Webb sees the emergence of a new force in European golf confirmed in Morocco

FROM being very much a minority group when they first joined the PGA European Tour in the early Eighties, Swedish players are assuming an ever more influential role in the multi-million pound business that is European professional golf. They have achieved much, and their performances in the first two tournaments of the season have given a powerful hint that the Nineties could be their decade.

The Madeira Island Open, the first event of 1994, was won by Mats Lanner, who was the first Swedish player to take a regular place on the modern European Tour in 1981. There were three others in the top seven.

On Sunday Anders Forsbrand, who in following Lanner on to the tournament scene in 1982 was another of his country's pioneers, claimed the second Swedish victory in as many weeks when he played impressively to take the Moroccan Open title in Agadir. This time he had two compatriots joining him in the top four. Once upon a time they said the Swedes were coming. They have unequivocally arrived.

Days before he won in Morocco, Forsbrand was saying that he believed that Swedes would win at least five or six tournaments in Europe this year. It was a claim made quietly but with confidence, and if he could be criticised for anything, it could only be that he might have pitched the figure a touch low.

In the early years, when the likes of Lanner, Forsbrand and Ove Sellberg, the first Swede to win a European Tour event when he took the Epson Grand Prix title in 1986, were Tour apprentices, players from the land of long summer nights and short, snowy winter days, were regarded as hard-working but largely unfulfilled talents.

Lanner almost made the 1987 Ryder Cup team only to be beaten by a short head for the last automatic place, and it was not until last year that Joakim Haeggman made the breakthrough in the competition. In ten years' time, Haeggman and his performance at The Belfry might be looked back on as the catalyst that started a massive chain reaction.

Forsbrand is prepared to go further in his claims for himself and the close-knit Swedish enclave that lives within the European Tour community. "If we were given the chance to compete in the majors as are others, I believe we would win one within two or three years," he said. "But most of us only get the chance to play in one of the four. That might hold us back a bit, but the day is coming."

He has a point. If hard work is what wins the big prizes, the Swedes have it. If self-belief is the second most valuable ingredient in a winner, then they have that in abundance, and it is a strength that is nurtured by the support they give each other. Watch them closely. They are on the march.

Rugby League lands £1m sponsorship

IN LAUNCHING the game's centenary next year, the Rugby Football League (RFL) was able to announce a £1 million sponsorship package yesterday, but not the long-awaited dates of the Rugby League World Cup, the centre-piece of the anniversary celebrations (Christopher Irvine writes).

Next month's International Board meeting in Sydney will endeavour to decide something more specific than autumn 1995 for the 12-nation tournament in England. The lingering uncertainty over South Africa's staging of the Rugby Union World Cup in the summer of next year is the main worry of league administrators.

Should that be switched to England, the RFL fears not just a clash of dates and defeat in any television ratings battle, but the overshadowing of an event that could be the catalyst the sport has been seeking for the past 100 years.

In being influenced by what rugby union decides with its World Cup is on the one hand pragmatic, but, on the other, it hardly benefits rugby league's self-esteem in the run-up the centenary season in 1995-96.

As yet, there is no specific sponsor for the World Cup, in which England and Wales will compete as separate teams under the John Smith's sponsorship banner, although the sport's three main backers, Silk Cut, Regal, and Stones Bitter, are all supporting an extensive programme of centenary events.

An outline of these was given at the George Hotel in Huddersfield, the game's recognised birthplace, and includes a students' world cup, the first schoolboys' international between England and Australia, and introduction of a new form of mini-rugby called Little League.

☐ Graham Steadman and St John Ellis, of Castleford, are awaiting call-ups to the ten-man Great Britain squad for the World Seven in Sydney next month because of injuries.

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LEGAL NOTICES

THE HIGH COURT Mr. Justice Costello Record 1600B 1994. IN THE MATTER OF HOLIDAIR LIMITED M.F. KENT AND COMPANY (INTERNATIONAL) LIMITED. TREENAGH INVESTMENT COMPANY. DARWAY COMPANY. LIKEN (RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT) LIMITED. KENT TRAVEL LIMITED. KENT TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED. KENTZ DATA SYSTEMS LIMITED. KENT DATA SYSTEMS (IRELAND) LIMITED. KENT TECHNICAL SERVICES LIMITED. KENT (PARENTS) LIMITED. KENT PROPERTIES LIMITED. GUY PROPERTIES LIMITED. VENICE ENTERPRISES LIMITED. MAHON McPHILLIPS C.S.M. LIMITED M.F. KENT & COMPANY LIMITED. EUROPLAN LIMITED. CLONMAIN LIMITED. KENCEM LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Petition for the appointment of an Examiner to the above named Companies by the High Court was on the 20th day of January 1994 presented to the High Court by Holidair Limited whose registered office are at Clertonfield, Clonmel, County Tipperary and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr. Justice Costello on Friday the 28th day of January 1994 and that any member or creditor of the said Companies who wishes to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing by himself or his Counsel for that purpose and a copy of the petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said Company who requires it by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for same.
Signed: O'Brien & Binchy, Solicitor for the Petitioner, of Quay House, Clonmel, County Tipperary.
NOTE: Any person who intends to appear at the Hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named Petitioner or his Solicitor, Notice in writing of his intention to do so. The Notice must state the name and address of the person or if a Firm the name and address of the Firm and must be signed by the person or Firm, or his or their Solicitor (if any) and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named Solicitor or the Petitioner not later than 5 o'clock in the afternoon of the 27th day of January 1994.

Charmers Limited Registered No. 2224018
A Meeting of Unsecured Creditors has been convened by the Joint Administrative Receivers of the above-mentioned Company pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 for the purpose of presenting to that Meeting a copy of the Report prepared by the Administrative Receivers pursuant to Section 48 of the said Act and for the purpose, should the Creditors think fit, to establish a Creditors' Committee under the provisions of Section 49 of the said Act.
The Meeting will be held as follows:
Date: 17th February 1994. Time: 10.30 a.m. Place: Admirals Way, London E14 9SN.
Creditors whose claims are wholly Secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the Meeting.
A Creditor will only be entitled to vote at the Creditors Meeting if:-
(a) he has given to the Receivers not later than 12 o'clock noon on the business day before the day fixed for the Meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims is due to him from the Company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules, and
(b) there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers a Proxy which the Creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
Dated: 20 January 1994
Colin G. Wiseman
and Peter A. Lawrence
Joint Administrative Receivers
6 Raleigh House, Admirals Way, Waterside, London, E14 9SN.

Notice of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers
KINGS CROSS CONTINENTAL STORES LIMITED
We, David Nisbet and Christopher Haworth of Hacker Wood & Partners, Nathern House, 302-306 Euston Road, London, NW1 3BS were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of Kings Cross Continental Stores Limited, registered number 715021 by Financial & General Bank PLC on 19th January 1994.
D. Nisbet
Joint Administrative Receiver

POLYQUOI PAS LIMITED (IN RECEIVERSHIP)
A copy of the Administrative Receiver's Report and Statement of Affairs presented at the Meeting of Creditors held pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act, 1986 on Monday seventeenth day of January, 1994 can be obtained free of charge on application to Panos Efiades & Co. of 6 Bloomsbury Square, London, WC1A 2LP.
Panos Efiades,
Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 MEDIA ACROSS THE LINE PLC CREATIVE ACROSS THE LINE LIMITED ACROSS THE LINE PLC
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that MEETINGS of the CREDITORS of the above named Companies will be held on 2nd February 1994 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon, 2.00 pm and 3.00 pm respectively for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA, of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(b) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 17 day of January 1994
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
M. SMOUT, DIRECTOR.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
Heywood Hotel Limited
Registered number: 2884573.
Trade classification: 47. Date of appointment of administrative receiver: 17 January 1994. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver: Mansfield Brewery Trading Limited. Joint Administrative Receivers: Roger Marsh and Richard James, Rees Jeffice holder nos: 6925 and 4620. Address Price Waterhouse 9 Bond Court Leeds LS1 2SN.

ENRON GAS LIQUIDS INTERNATIONAL (UK) LTD (In Members' Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
On 19 January 1994 the above company was placed into Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Martin Fishman of Arthur Andersen, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT, was appointed Liquidator by the Members.
The Liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claims against the company to Martin Fishman, c/o Arthur Andersen, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT by 18 March 1994.
The Liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rule 4.182A(6) that on 18 April 1994 he intends to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 18 March 1994 and that there will be no further distribution to creditors.
The company is able to pay all of its known creditors in full
Dated 19 January 1994
M. Fishman, Liquidator.

PUBLIC NOTICES

TO the Clerk to the Licensing Justices for the Licensing District of Brent sitting at The Court House, Church End, 448 High Road, Willesden, London NW10 2DZ.
TO the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, Kilburn Police Station, 38 Salusbury Road, Kilburn, London NW6 6NN.
WE, GERARD GREALIS of 22 Glebe Crescent, Kenton, Middlesex, MARTIN PAUL FORRISTAL of 37 Chestnut Grove, Sudbury, Middlesex, JAMES JOSEPH KENNA of 9 Clayton Road, Hayes, Middlesex and MARY LARKIN of 13A Wain Lane, London N.W.2, hereby give you notice that we intend to apply to the said Licensing Justices at the Transfer Session to be held at The Court House, Church End, 448 High Road, Willesden, London N.W.10 on the 8th day of February 1994 for a Special Hours Certificate under Section 77 of the Licensing Act 1964 for the licensed premises situate at 11A & 13A Wain Lane, London N.W.2, and known as ANGIES !!!
DATED this 12th day of January 1994.
Hadders of 11 Station Road, Harlesden, London NW10 4UD
Solicitors and Agents for the Applicants.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - The Yates and Company (Waiter and Clara D'Leny) Pension, in connection with Printers' Charitable Corporation
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at Printers' Charitable Corporation, Victoria House, Marshalsea Road, Caterham, Surrey, CR3 6HY or obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting reference DGY 208882/16-LAG LDN. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - The Yates and Company (Walter and Clara D'Leny) Pension, in connection with Printers' Charitable Corporation
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at Printers' Charitable Corporation, Victoria House, Marshalsea Road, Caterham, Surrey, CR3 6HY or obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting reference DGY 208882/16-LAG LDN. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

PASTORAL MEASURE 1983
The Church Commissioners have prepared a draft redundancy scheme providing for the demolition of the redundant church of Holy Trinity Scarborough (York Diocese), and for the disposal of the site and annexed land. Copies of the draft scheme may be obtained from the Church Commissioners, 1 Millbank, London SW1P 3JZ to whom any representations may be made by Thursday 24 February 1994.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - The Rupert Wyn Trust, administered in connection with the Hunterian Society
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this charity. A copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Albans House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting reference number DGY 229174-A/1-LAG LDN.

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Gullit considers international return as Van Basten sets sights on World Cup

Holland hope for final adventure from famous five



ROB HUGHES
Overseas Football

HERE is an early warning for opponents of Holland and a message of hope to those who would cherish seeing the Dutch flourish at the World Cup. The famous five players, the nucleus of the most exciting European team this decade, could all be back together for one final effort.

Three of those ageing masters — Jan Wouters, Frank Rijkaard, and Ron Koeman — played in an international in Tunisia last week. Afterwards, they discussed until 4am their desire to be reunited with two men with whom they shared most of the last 70 internationals.

To bring this about means working on the hurt pride of Ruud Gullit and on the damaged ankle of Marco van Basten. Neither is beyond recall. Dick Advocaat, the Holland manager, will meet Gullit, 31, later this month: there are millions of witnesses to Gullit's resurgence of form, appetite and hypnotic combination of immense athleticism and ability.

The question remains whether he will retract his vow never to play again under Advocaat, a statement made after Gullit was substituted at Wembley nine months ago. The circumstances have changed and Gullit, who made the first reconciliatory move, will need little persuasion.

Van Basten's return is a medical matter. He last played, for Milan, in the European Cup final in May and by doing so jeopardised his career. For every goal he has scored, someone has kicked his ankles: now the tissues have become virtually inoperable.

Yet Marc Martens, who is to surgery what Van Basten is to goalscoring, has not given up hope that his patient can return in the United States this summer. It will be touch and go, as it was in 1988 when Van Basten came on as a substitute, then scored a pulverising hat-trick against England, then shot Holland to the European championship. A week ago, he began to walk with a ball at his feet, the first tender footsteps, like a baby learning to walk.

Martens has issued two warnings: that Milan must not rush him and that Van Basten, 29, will probably never play again free of pain. Van Basten's desire will need to be as strong as Gullit's has been to resist playing.

But Gullit is a fresher, more self-assured person now than when Advocaat justifiably withdrew him against England last April. Gullit is now restored to full power, bestriding the Italian scene for Sampdoria, whom he joined from Milan.

There need be no quarrel between him and Advocaat. The manager had asked Gullit to sacrifice himself for the team by confining his role to the right wing at Wembley; Gullit wandered, the team lost shape and Advocaat replaced him.

Advocaat is nobody's fool. He sees Gullit as a more dynamic, more complete leader of the attack now. And he has two wingers, Bryan Roy and Marc Overmars. Moreover, Advocaat is his own man, no longer threatened by being thrust aside to allow Johan Cruyff to take control at the World Cup finals.

What of Cruyff? Greed, it was reported, ruled him out. It was not so much greed as hard bargaining between the putative manager and the Dutch FA. It offered Cruyff $50,000 for the six-week appointment. They later doubled the offer and, later still, added bonuses which would have given Cruyff $175,000 should Holland win the World Cup.

Cruyff would have had to forfeit $35,000 for the privilege. His club, Barcelona, had told him they would not pay him during his absence. Cruyff tried to barter with the Dutch FA. He requested a salary for the six weeks of $137,500 plus bonuses which would have given him $312,500 to win the final.

The Dutch FA pleaded poverty and the Barcelona manager was pilloried in Holland until a journalist discovered that, far from the $2 million the association suggested it would reap from winning the World Cup, the actual remuneration would amount to $4.5 million.

By the time this came to light, Cruyff's family, bearing in mind his heart bypass operation two years ago, had persuaded him that he did not need the stress. And the day the Dutch FA finally turned to Advocaat, Cruyff happened to visit hospital and was given a clean bill of health.

But if the famous five play, and if Cruyff stays away, at least we will know that player power, and not even the authority of a coach such as Cruyff, wins or loses matches.



Gullit, who has been in outstanding form for Sampdoria in Italy this season, is to meet Advocaat, the Holland manager. Photograph: Stuart Franklin

Sporting truths revealed as Taylor's trials are laid bare

Simon Barnes reviews the fly-on-the-wall documentary that vividly confirmed an England manager's lot is not a happy one

I spent rather a lot of time at the world chess championship this autumn. Poor old Nigel Short. But at least his men did what they were told. His king never lost his nerve under pressure; his queen never missed a game with a groin strain; his king's bishop never got suspended after getting booked.

Like all football managers, Graham Taylor was in control yet not in control. "They've done everything we told them not to," he moaned in despair mid-match. The England manager is even less in control than a club manager.

All you can do is sit on your bench and sigh, or hide your head, or leap up and fill the air with bad words. Taylor did them all: every ounce of his passionate frustration, his desire and his ultimate lack of control were portrayed in the classic fly-on-the-wall documentary, *Graham Taylor: The Impossible Job*, shown on Channel Four last night.

I hope Terry Venables was watching. Venables, caught on the horns of the Football Association's eternal dilemma of ambition versus respectability, knows the frustrations of club management. But the man who is England manager has greater expectation, greater and more threatening support — and hardly any games, let alone any control.

I suppose a lot of the small-minded people at Lancaster Gate and elsewhere sat back and counted the naughty words on this programme. Some might even have been shocked. But that dreaded F-word is the punctuation and underlining of football. In the game, it is part of the act of breathing.

The true shocks lay elsewhere. By far the most riveting and emotional parts of this programme showed Taylor on the bench, slumped, or off the bench on his feet, roaring out his frustrations and his instructions, or — just occasionally — revelling in delight. He was caught, as it were, in amber, face contorted in life-or-death involvement and perfect powerlessness.

"F***** Paul! F***** hit the space in there! Go Les! Hit Les, hit Les over the F***** top, F***** hell," and so on.

Anybody shocked by the language has not, I suppose, played football. What was truly shocking was the depth of the emotion, the soaring elation and catastrophic disappointment. Like the bad words, such things are part of football, but the language of elation and despair acquires more meaning and intensity the higher you travel in the game.

The shocking sight of Taylor emotionally stark naked in front of us spelled out the truth: sport is emotional stuff. Taylor's emotions reached their peak during the match in Rotterdam: Ronald Koeman, you will recall, fouled Platt, and should have been sent off.



Taylor: powerless

Instead, he stayed on to score the decisive goal. Taylor's despairing fury defied belief.

With almost conscious comedy, he said to the harassed Fifa representative on the sideline: "At the end of the day, I get the sack now." A linesman comes into view: "I was just saying to your colleague, the referee's got me the sack. Thank him ever so much for that, won't you?"

The film was a revelation to those who thought professional football was a recreation. At the end, against San Marino, and that terrible goal conceded within ten seconds of the start, we saw in vivid, almost unwatchable close-up, Taylor at the moment when the last hope finally left him.

The press was depicted at the end, hammering the nails into the coffin. But it is not journalism that is cruel, not really. It is sport. It's not a matter of life and death, not quite. But professional sport is a matter of life, and that is quite cruel enough.

Leeds apologise for rowdiness during tribute

BY KEITH PIKE

LESLIE Silver, the Leeds United chairman, yesterday condemned the behaviour of some of his club's supporters, who chanted during a silent tribute to the late Sir Matt Busby before the match against Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park. Silver described them a "a disgrace to the club and the city".

The match on Sunday was being transmitted live on satellite television, and viewers saw Leeds players express their outrage at the supporters' behaviour. "It was a disgusting exhibition for which we apologise to Manchester United and Sir Matt's family," Silver said. "My reaction was one of absolute horror.

"Everyone in football had enormous respect for Sir Matt. What saddens me is that those who broke the minute's silence chanted the name of the late Don Revie, our former manager. Don was a close friend of Sir Matt and spent a lot of time learning his trade from the great man in the early Sixties. To hear those yobbos spoiling a tribute to a man who spent all his life in the game filled me with disgust and shame."

Silver said the club had worked to improve its image and believed the "incident has done immeasurable harm. The players were shocked by it and I feel their own performance was affected on the field."

Ray Fell, chairman of the Leeds supporters' club, was also critical. "The majority of Leeds followers are shocked and embarrassed by the actions of the minority," he said. Swindon Town have also banned a supporter who swore during the tribute before their home match against Tottenham Hotspur on Saturday.

Don Hutchison, the Gateshead-born Liverpool midfield player, has been selected for the Scotland squad for their B international against Wales at Wrexham on February 2. Hutchison, whose father was born in Scotland, is likely to win his first international cap.

David Williams, who last week became assistant manager to Mike Walker at Everton, will be in charge of the Wales team, but the identity of the full-time Wales manager should be known before then. The Wales FA international sub-committee meets today, and it is highly likely that Terry Yorath, whose contract expired on December 31, will be reappointed.

Billy Bingham's successor as Northern Ireland manager is also likely to be announced by the weekend. Jimmy Nicholl, previously Bingham's assistant, is the firm favourite for the job, but Chris Nicholl, Bryan Hamilton and Gerry Armstrong are also believed to be on the Ireland FA shortlist.

Chelsea are hoping to be granted an extension to the August deadline for compliance with the Taylor Report recommendations on all-seat stadiums after admitting yesterday that Stamford Bridge will not be ready in time. "We believe we are a special case," Colin Hutchinson, the Chelsea chief executive, said. "The Football Licensing Authority (FLA) has not granted any extensions so far, but there could be a first time."

SCOTLAND B SQUAD (v Wales B at Wrexham, February 2): A Maxwell (Rangers), C Nelson (Partick Thistle), S Wright (Aberdeen), D Robertson (Rangers), C McCart (Motherwell), C Hendry (Blackburn Rovers), R McKinnon (Motherwell), P Telfer (Luton Town), D Hutchison (Liverpool), P McGinlay (Celtic), P O'Donnell (Motherwell), W McKinlay (Dundee United), S McSkimming (Kilmarnock), A Millen (Kilmarnock), P Bernard (Oldham Athletic), S Booth (Aberdeen), C Dailly (Dundee United), E Jess (Aberdeen).

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE: AFC final: Buffalo Bills 30 Kansas City Chiefs 13. NFC final: Dallas Cowboys 38 San Francisco 49ers 21.

BADMINTON

TOKYO Japan Open championships: Finals: Men's singles: A Ahmad (Indon) bt H Hadi (Indon) 12-15, 15-8, 15-3. Women's singles: S Susanti (Indon) bt Ye Zhaoying (China) 11-6, 10-12, 11-8. Men's doubles: R Subagdja and D Kartono (Indo) bt S Thungkabanda P Teeramongkonchai (Thai) 15-11, 15-12, 15-10. Women's doubles: Gil Young-ah and Chung So-young (S Kor) bt L Tomsen and C Reisen (Indon) 15-11, 15-11. Mixed doubles: J H Christiansen (Den) and C Bengaard (Den) bt M Schmidt (Den) and G Sibley (Eng) 15-7, 15-9.

INTER-COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS: Royal Bank of Scotland. First division: Yorkshire 2 Lancashire 13, Warwickshire 7 Glamorgan Nationals 5, Hampshire 12 Herefordshire 2, Surrey 9, Somerset 7. Second division: Lancashire 5 Nottinghamshire 10, Yorkshire 4 Cheshire 11, Devon 5 Buckinghamshire 10, Kent 8 Middlesex 7.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (USA): Tuesday: Philadelphia 99 Miami 115, Washington 89 Dallas 92, Golden State 109 Minnesota 104, Seattle 109 Houston 107, Portland 110 Sacramento 104, Phoenix 110 Utah 101, LA Lakers 113 Charlotte 107, Orlando 104 Cleveland 101, Indiana 109 Milwaukee 104, Detroit 109 Boston 104.

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic division				
New York	26	17	.703	—
Orlando	23	16	.590	4
New Jersey	18	20	.474	8½
Miami	17	20	.459	9
Boston	17	23	.425	10½
Philadelphia	16	23	.410	11
Washington	13	25	.342	13½
Central division				
Atlanta	26	10	.722	—
Chicago	27	11	.711	—
Charlotte	22	17	.564	5
Cleveland	19	19	.500	8
Indiana	16	20	.444	10
Milwaukee	11	27	.289	16
Detroit	9	28	.243	17½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest division				
Houston	29	9	.763	—
San Antonio	27	14	.659	3½
Utah	26	14	.650	4
Denver	18	21	.462	11½
Minnesota	13	25	.342	16
Dallas	2	36	.053	27
Pacific division				
Seattle	30	6	.833	—
Phoenix	27	10	.730	3½
Portland	23	16	.590	8½
Golden State	21	16	.568	9½
LA Clippers	13	24	.351	17½
Sacramento	12	26	.316	19
LA Lakers	12	26	.316	19

BUDWEISER LEAGUE. Birmingham 75 Manchester 85, Derby 81 Worthing 87, Doncaster 82 Leicester 71, Hemel Hampstead 86 Thames Valley 105.

BIATHLON

ANTHOLZ, Italy, World Cup: Men: 10km. 1, F Luck (Ger) 28min 47.0sec (no penalties); 2, P A Carrara (It) 26 53.4 (0); 3 S Tarasov (Russ) 27.04.8 (0); 4, J Passler (It) 27.07.6 (1min); 5 P Bailly-Salins (Fr) 27.08.6 (2); 6, S Fischer (Ger) 27.22.6 (2). Leading World Cup positions: 1 Bailly-Salins 159pts. 2 Fischer 151; 3 Tarasov 121. Women: 7.5 km: 1 S Paramygina (Belorussi) 22.40.7 (0). 2 A Harvey (Ger) 22.57.8 (0); 3, O Simuschina (Russi) 23.00.7 (0); 4 A Briand (Fr) 23.03.5 (1); 5, M Bedard (Can) 23.06.6 (1); 6 M Sikolia (Jap) 23.09.3 (0). Leading World Cup positions: 1, N Sainte (It) 195pts. 2, Paramygina 159; 3, Briand 152.

CRICKET

RED STRIPE CUP: Third day of four: Port of Spain: Jamaica 206 and 217 (F Redwood 57), Trinidad and Tobago 257 (B Lara 180, R Haynes 6-82, F Rose 4-74) and 2-0. Basseterre, St Kitts: Windward Islands 267 (J Murray 86, K Benjamin 4-37) and 162; Leeward Islands 323 (S Williams 107). Georgetown: Barbados 272-9 (S Campbell 103, C Hooper 4-75) v Guyana. No play.

KANDY: Third youth Test: England Under-19 168-5 (Match drawn. Sri Lanka win series 1-0).

DHAKA: One-day match: Bangladesh 134-5 (45 overs); Pakistan 136-3 (43 overs). Pakistan won by seven wickets and win series 2-0.

CYCLING

STUTTGART: Six-day race (after third day): T D Clark (Aus) and A Nappes (Ger) 211pts, 2, B Rich and K Betschart (Swit) 210; 3 E de Wilde (Bel) and J Veggerby (Den) 202; 4, C Wolf (Ger) and P Pieters (Holl) 236, at one lap; 5, G Doench (Ger) and W Stutz (Swit) 107, at three laps; 6, P Beccaro (It) and A Doyle (GB) 58, three laps.

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Millwall 3 Bristol City 3; Wimbledon 1 Portsmouth 2.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Sao Paulo 4 Santo Andre 1; Corinthians 3 Portuguesa 1; Guarani 1 America 2; Ituano 0 Mogi Mirim 0; Umuo Sao Joao 1 Ponte Preta 0; Novorizontino 1 Ferroviaria 3.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Real Sociedad 2 Barcelona 1; Lerida 1 Tenerife 1; Rayo Vallecano 1 Racing Santander 1; Logrones 1 Atletico Madrid 3; Valencia 2 Real Oviedo 0; Sporting Gijon 2 Real Valladolid, Real Madrid 0 Osasuna Pamplona 0; Sevilla 0 Real Zaragoza 1; Atletico 1 Athletic Bilbao 0; Celta Vigo 0 Deportivo La Coruna 0.

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Beira Mar 0 Porto 2; Benfica 3 Boavista 1; P Ferreira 1 Sporting 2; Setubal 3 Belenenses 0; Saigueiros 1, Amadora 1; Braga 3, Uniao 0 Famalicao 2; Gil Vicente 2, Maritimo 2; Guimaraes 0, Estoril 0; Farense 1.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Mali 1 Senegal 0.

GOLF

TUCSON, Arizona, Leading final scores (US unless stated): 270 A Magee 69, 67, 67, 67; 272 V Singh (Fij), 67, 68, 72, 65; L Roberts 68, 68, 72, 64; J D Blake 68, 69, 67, 68; S Stricker 68, 68, 66, 67; 273 C Browne 70, 70, 66, 67; 274 R Gamez 68, 71, 71, 66; J Furyk 68, 68, 67, 71; 275 D Fahey 69, 70, 67, 69; T Byrum 68, 71, 69, 67; R Mediate 70, 70, 71, 65; P Stevenson 69, 70, 70, 67; J Thorpe 69, 70, 70, 67; J Mudson 68, 71, 70, 67; P Burns 70, 70, 69, 66; M Springer 70, 66, 70, 69; 276 R Thompson 69, 70, 66, 71; 277 S Schultz 71, 68, 68, 71; T Tryba 71, 67, 71, 68.

SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, N Faldo (GB) 20.65, 2, G Norman (Aus) 18.90, 3, B Langer (Ger) 17.19; 4, N Price (Zim) 16.37, 5, F Couples (US) 15.61, 6, P Azinger (US) 14.51, 7, I Woosnam (GB) 11.41; 8, D Frost (SA) 10.33, 9, C Pavin (US) 9.84; 10, T Kite (US) 9.73.

ICE HOCKEY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 11 Murrayfield Racers 10, Cardiff Devils 7 Fife Flyers 4; Humberside Seahawks 3 Whitley Warriors 6, Nottingham Panthers 9 Peterborough Pirates 3, Sheffield Steelers 5 Bracknell Bees 2, Billingham Bombers 7 Durham Wasps 9.

MOTOR RALLYING

MONTE CARLO RALLY (after six stages): 1 F Delecour (Fr) Ford Escort, the 511mm 46sec; 2, C Sainz (Sp), Subaru Impreza 22sec behind, 3, J Kankkunen (Fin), Toyota Celica 26, 4 M Biasion (It), Ford Escort 49, 5, B Thiry (Bel), Ford Escort 2.35, 6 K Eriksson (Swe) Mitsubishi Lancer 3:29.

PEUGEOT STAGES RALLY (Lincolnshire): 1, M Roberson (Sierra Cosworth) 61mm 02 sec; 2, K Allison (Sierra Cosworth) 61 43, 3, M Blair (Peugeot 205) 62.30.

LINDISFARNE STAGES (Northumbria): 1, J Price (Metro 6R4) 72mm 42sec; 2, D Robson (Sierra Cosworth 75 08, 3, J Pye (Escort Cosworth) 75 10.

LYDDEN STAGES (Kent): 1, S Scott (Escort Cosworth) 49mm 46sec; 2, D Chalton (Vauxhall Nova) 52.43.

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS RESULTS: Daily Mail Under-15 Cup: John Cleveland 5 Solihull 9. Other matches: Chichester HS 58 Judd 3; Guildford RGS 43 London Oratory 7, Reigate 7 John Fisher 8, Tiffin 38 RGS High Wycombe 3, Watlington GS 13 City of London Freemen's 8.

SNOOKER

BLACKPOOL: Klosters Thailand Open (Eng unless stated): Eighth qualifying round: P Francisco (SA) bt J Long (Ire) 5-1; N Gilbert bt K Broughton 5-1; J Mickie bt D Fowler 5-4; R O'Sullivan bt M Smith 5-0, M Judge (Ire) bt C Wilson (Wales) 5-0; B Morgan bt D McDonnell 5-1; M Duffy (N Ire) bt J Graham 5-3, P Wykes bt N Terry 5-3; M Parmar bt S Hughes (Ire) 5-1; C Thorburn (Can) bt C Macgillivray (Scot) 5-3, J Ferguson bt N Barrow 5-2; A Cairns bt J Birch 5-4; S Ali bt T Chappel (Wales) 5-4, I Brumby bt J Wych (Can) 5-2; D Dale (Wales) bt J McLaughlin (N Ire) 5-4; S Murphy (Ire) bt A Davies (Wales) 5-3, S Judd bt B Chaperon (Can) 5-1, M Williams (Wales) bt D Heany (Scot) 5-2, J Higgins (Scot) bt W Jones (Wales) 5-3; D Fenbow bt J Cundy 5-1; J Prince (N Ire) bt N Frun 5-2, R Lawler bt M Gray 5-2; S Mazrocis bt P Davies (Wales) 5-2; A Hicks bt Y Merchant (Indo) 5-2; B Snaddon (Scot) bt C Small (Scot) 5-2; C Morton bt E Charlton (Aus) 5-1, S Newbury (Wales) bt P Medati 5-4; B Rowswell bt A Hamilton 5-4; S O'Connor (Ire) bt S Francisco (SA) 5-3; L Dodd bt W King (Aus) 5-3, K Owers bt A Meo 5-4; D Taylor bt A Cairns 5-0; M Duffy (N Ire) bt P Wykes 5-3, S Murphy (Ire) bt D Dale (Wales) 5-2; P Fransisco (SA) bt J Ferguson 5-3; B Morgan bt M Judge (Ire) 5-3, S Ali bt I Brumby 5-2.

TENNIS

TELFORD: LTA 18 and Under Junior circuit: Boy's singles semi-finals: Id Ingham (Lancs) bt J Williams (Middx) 6-2, 6-3; G Jones (Kent) bt C Bennett (Herts and Worcs) 6-3, 6-2. Final: Ingham bt Jones 6-7, 6-3, 6-3. Girl's singles semi-finals: R Dunbar (Dorset) bt Z Mellis (Essex) 6-4, 6-4; J Curran (Sussex) bt K Webster (Derbyshire) 6-3, 6-4. Final: Osman bt Dunbar 6-1, 6-4.

LUGE

KOENIGSSEE, Germany: European championships: Men's singles: 1, M Prock (Austria) 1:35.907, 2, G Hackl (Ger) 1:36.033; 3, A Zoeggler (It) 1:36.228.

VOLLEYBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: K L E A Leeds 1 Tooting Aquilla 3; Newcastle (Staffs) 3 Wessex 2, Reebok Liverpool City 1 Polonia Ealing 3; Team Mizuno Mallory Lewisham 3 Whitefield Sportsat 0.

WOMEN'S KNOCK-OUT CUP: Quarter-finals: Sheffield Wed 0 Sale 3; Dynamo London 3 Kiss Leeds 0; Reebok Liverpool 0 Brit Music Hackney 3; Ashcombe Guildford Spectrum 0 Woolwich Brixton 3.

YACHTING

WHITBREAD ROUND THE WORLD RACE: (Third stage, from Fremantle to Auckland): Whitbread 60 class: 1, Tokio (C Dickison, NZ) 13days 8hr 17min; 2, Winston (D Conner and B Buttenworth, US) 13:10:57, 3, Yamaha (R Field, NZ) 13:11:07; 4, Galicia 93 (Pescanova, J de la Gandara, Sp) 13:11:35; 5, Intrum Justitia 6, Smith, Eur) 13:13:15; 6, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (Del Humphries, GB) 13:18:10; 7, Brookfield (G Maisto, It) 13:22:04; 8, Heineken (D Riley, US) 14:00.06. Maxi class: 1, NZ Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ) 13:08:15; 2, La Poste (E Tabarly, Fr) 13:11:36; 3, Merit Cup (P Fehrmann, Swtz) 13:16:26. Overall (after three legs): Whitbread 60 class: 1, Tokio, 63:11:25; 2, Winston, 64:01:27 (Kingston-all); 3, Yamaha, 64:05:06; 4, Galicia 93 Pescanova, 64:06:34; 5, Intrum Justitia, 64:06:34; 6, Brookfield, 70:12:06; 7, Heineken, 9, Dolphin & Youth Challenge, 73:16:5 (prov). Maxi: 1, New Zealand Endeavour, 63:11:25; 2, Merit Cup, 64:05:19; 3, La Poste, 65:10:35.

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POOLS FORECAST

Saturday January 29 unless stated

FA CUP FOURTH ROUND

X Grimsby v A Villa
2 Ipswich v Preston
2 Notts Co v West Ham
1 Plymouth v Barnsley

Not on coupons: Bolton v Arsenal (Monday); Cardiff v Manchester City (Tuesday); Blackburn Olympic v Blackburn Rovers; Chelsea v Sheffield Wednesday; Ipswich v Tottenham; Newcastle v Luton; Norwich v Manchester United (Sunday); Oxford v Leeds; Plymouth v Swindon; Port Vale v Wolves; Stockport v Bristol City or Liverpool; Wimbledon v Sunderland.

FIRST DIVISION

Not on coupons: Derby v Watford.

SECOND DIVISION

1 Brighton v Blackpool
1 Bristol R v Hull
1 Burnley v Cambridge U
X Exeter v Bournemouth
*2 Fulham v Reading
1 Leicester C v Hull
1 York v Brentford

Not on coupons: Barnet v Brentford.

THIRD DIVISION

2 Bury v Scarborough
X Colchester v Gillingham
1 Chester v Crewe Alex
1 Darlington v Scunthorpe
2 Lincoln v Rotherham
1 Mansfield v Wigan
X Northampton v Doncaster
1 Shrewsbury v Wycombe
X Torquay v Chester

Not on coupons: Walsall v Carlisle.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE

1 Barnet v Merthyr Tyd
1 Dagenham v Altrincham
X Dover v Telford
1 Merthyr v Gateshead
1 Runcorn v Witton
X Telford v Slough
1 Tilbury v Halifax
1 Woking v Southport
2 Yeovil v Kettering

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

X Accrington v Hanwsley
1 Barrow v Bradley
1 Boston v Colwyn Bay
X Chorley v Marine
2 Emley v Bamber Bridge
1 Hyde v Horwich
1 Lock v Morecambe
2 Whitby Bay v Droylsden
X Wrexham v Burton

DIADORA LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Aylesbury v Wokingham
2 Basingstoke v Marlow
1 Carshalton v Wivenhoe
1 Dorking v Bromley
X Dulwich v Hendon
2 Grays v Chesham

SCOTTISH CUP THIRD ROUND

2 Airdrie v Dunfermline
2 Clydebank v Dundee
2 E Stirling v Aberdeen
1 Hibernian v Clyde
1 Kilmarnock v Ayr
X Motherwell v Celtic
2 Partick v Hearts
1 Raith v Brechin
1 Rangers v Dumbarton
1 St Johnstone v Hamilton
1 St Mirren v Montrose
1 Stirling v Berwick

Not on coupons: Alloa v Ross Ashroam v Dundee United, Morton v Cowdenbeath, Stranraer v Falkirk.

SCOTTISH SECOND

2 Queen's Pk v Meadowbank
*1 Stranraer v Forfar

Not on coupons: Albion v East Fife, Stenhousemuir v Queen of the South.

*Poors panel to adjudicate.

TREBLE CHANCE (Home team): Grimsby, Exeter, Colchester, Northampton, Torquay, Dover, Telford, Accrington, Chorley, Wrexham, Dulwich, Motherwell.

BEST DRAWS: Colchester, Northampton, Torquay, Chorley, Dulwich.

AWAYS: Preston, Reading, Rochdale, Kettering, Bishop Auckland, Bury, Merthyr Tyd, Runcorn, Welling, Boston, Hyde, Carshalton, Kilmarnock, Raith, St Mirren.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Plymouth, Runcorn, Hyde, Carshalton, Raith. Aways: Preston, Rochdale, Dundee. Draws: Northampton, Torquay, Chorley.

☐ Vince Wright

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 kick-off unless stated

FOOTBALL

FA Cup
Third-round replay
Liverpool v Bristol City (7.45)

Endsleigh Insurance League
Third division
Carlisle v Bury
Chesterfield v Doncaster
Darlington v Wigan
Rochdale v Shrewsbury
Scunthorpe v Crewe
Wycombe v Mansfield (7.45)

Scottish League
Premier division
Motherwell v Raith
St Johnstone v Dundee Utd

First division
Dunfermline v Ayr
Falkirk v Stirling
St Mirren v Arbroath

Second division
Alloa v Montrose
East Fife v Stranraer
Stenhousemuir v Meadowbank

FA TROPHY: First round: Worthing v Marlow (7.45). First-round replays: Bath v Yeovil, Bromsgrove v Wokingham, Colwyn Bay v Stalybridge, Grays v Farnborough, Maidenhead v Barrow, Southport v Mantle, Warrington v Gresley, Worcester v Harrow (7.45).

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Holywell v Flint (7.45).

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Coventry v York; Manchester United v Wolves; Sheffield Wednesday v Sheffield United. Second division: Rotherham v Port Vale.

Palace, Queens Park Rangers v Tottenham (at Harrow Borough 7.0); Watford v Norwich. Second division: Birmingham v Cardiff (7.0).

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Carrick v Crusaders (7.45).

BASS IRISH CUP: Fifth round replays: Ballinamallord v Moyola (2.30); Cliftonville v Ballyclare; Park v Newry (2.30).

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: St Patrick's v Limerick.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Reading v Basingstoke. Second division: Metropolitan Police v Witham. Cup: Fourth round: Chertsey v St Albans; Enfield v Saffron Walden Kingstonian v Carshalton.

Carlsberg Cup: Second round: Dulwich v Walton and H, Billericay v Bishop's Stortford. Carlsberg Trophy: Second round: Aldershot v Malden Vale, Barstead v Lewes, Hampton v Leatherhead, Hemel Hempstead v Royston.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Dr Martens Cup: Third round: Sudbury v Gravesend and Northfleet. Fourth round: Greasley v Corby.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Challenge Cup: Second round: Knowsley v Eastwood. President's Cup: Leek v Hyde. First division: Goole v Guiseley.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: President's Cup: North Ferriby v Liversedge, Pontefract v Armthorpe Welfare.

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Fakenham v Great Yarmouth, Lowestoft v Harwich and Parkeston; March v Wisbech. SPRINGHEATH PRINT CAPITAL LEAGUE: Colchester v Enfield.

RUGBY UNION

Club matches
Blackwood v Abertillery
Ebbw Vale v Pontypridd (7.0)

OTHER SPORT

SKIING: British Land British national championships, Downhills (Tignes).

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WORD WATCHING

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TARTINE

(c) A slice of bread spread with butter or jam, from the French *tartine* a little tart, bread and jam, bread and butter, also a big article of commonplace character; *Athenaeum*, 1907: "In a first glance through the galleries you stop before the huge tartines, the more sensational pictures which aim at attracting the crowd."

TROKER

(a) A deceiver, cheat, a rascal or rogue, from the OE *trucian* to fail or be wanting in some way or another, ulterior origin unascertained; 1650: "William Skinstone did sclandour him in calling him a troker lowne."

CAVEACH

(a) Mackerel pickled in a certain way; so called in the West Indies, from the Spanish *escabeche* pickle for fish; *Female Instructor*, 1822: "Caveach is mackerel, cut up, seasoned with spices and salt inserted in the pieces, fried brown in oil, and when cold covered up in a jar." Yuk.

CORKIR

(c) A kind of lichen furnishing a red dye, from the Gaelic *corcur*, adapted from the Latin *purpur* purple, with the Goidelic change of *p* to *c*, as in Latin *planta* = Irish *clann*: "The stones on which the scurf call'd corkir grows on the coast, and in the hills. This scurf dyes a pretty crimson colour."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

No! After 1 ... Bxe4 2 Qxe4 is check and White wins. Black instead plays 1 ... Nf2+! 2 Kg1 (2 Qxf2 Bxe4+ is decisive) 2 ... Nh3+! 3 Qxh3 (3 Kf1 Qxd1+ 4 Re1 Qxd7 wins) 3 ... Qxh3 with a decisive material advantage.

Morley Street aims for Champion

By Julian Muscat

THE combination of Graham Bradley and Morley Street is on course for the Smurfit Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham on March 15, for which 42 entries were announced yesterday. Among them are Roger Ramjet and Not In Doubt, who have yet to run over hurdles.

Morley Street, winner of the race in 1991, has been confined to just two unsuccessful outings over fences this season. His lack of sparkle, coupled with the open nature of the Cheltenham contest, has prompted his trainer, Toby Balding, and owner, Michael Jackson, to entertain thoughts of a repeat victory. Much centres on the availability of Bradley, who is expected to be on board Black Humour in the Gold Cup, the original target for Morley Street.

The ten-year-old is also engaged in two races at Cheltenham on Saturday, the Wyko Power Transmission Hurdle and the Timeform Hall Of Fame Chase, but testing ground would rule him out of either contest. "If he doesn't run this weekend he will definitely go for the Champion Hurdle," Balding said yesterday. "I'd love to give him a run over hurdles first but I will not mind too much if the ground rules it out."

Although well beaten behind his full-brother, Granville Again, in last year's Champion Hurdle, Morley Street demonstrated all his old ability when, on his next start, he landed the Martell Aintree Hurdle from Granville Again with consummate ease. Significantly, the ground was riding firm on that occasion.

Morley Street indicated he was bursting with good health in an impressive workout on Saturday, after which Balding outlined his favoured campaign to Jackson. Looking ahead to Cheltenham, he reasoned: "The Champion Hurdle picture seems to get more confused every day. I would only worry about Fortune And Fame; I think Morley Street is at least as good as the rest of them." Corals introduced Morley Street into the betting yesterday at 16-1.

Irrespective of whether Morley Street travels to Prestbury Park on Saturday, it will be an important day for Balding's two Grand National candidates, Romany King and Belmount Captain. Both are due to run after lengthy absences.

Romany King, second in the 1992 Grand National, returns in the Lobb Partnership Hall of Fame Handicap Chase over two miles five furlongs, his first run since October.

Belmount Captain, off the course since he damaged a suspensory ligament at Ascot 12 months ago, will line up in the Timeform Hall Of Fame Chase over an extended three miles. Among those entered against him are Bradbury Star, Docklands Express and Young Hustler.

On the Champion Hurdle front, Staunch Friend, restricted to light exercise since he strained a tendon earlier this month, will undergo a veterinary examination in two weeks' time. "After that, Mr Tompkins [Staunch Friend's trainer] will make a decision about whether to prepare him for Cheltenham or rest him for a few months," Phil Green, a stable spokesman, said yesterday. He also reported Halkopous "back cantering and in great form" after the horse was struck into at Kempton last month.

No such problems beset Majed, who has fully recovered from the virus which prevented him tackling The Ladbroke at Leopardstown two weeks ago. "He will run next in one of the big handicap hurdles," his trainer, Mary Reveley, said, "and if he does well we will consider the Champion after that." Majed is a 12-1 chance with Corals for the Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury, for which the weights were published yesterday.

Corals make Fortune And Fame the 11-4 favourite for the hurdling crown after his victory in the AIG Europe Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown on Sunday. The firm reported supported for Oh So Risky, now joint second favourite, with Granville Again, at 10-1. Halkopous, Staunch Friend and King Credo are all 14-1 chances.

The Richard Phillips-trained Gnome's Tycoon is 9-2 favourite, followed by Ushers Island at 7-1, for the Great Yorkshire Chase at Doncaster on Saturday.



TONY EDENDEN

Morley Street will contest the hurdlers' crown after two unsuccessful outings over fences this season

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MOORISH (1.30 Nottingham)

Next best: Buonarroti (1.50 Chepstow)

Lloyd Webbers enjoy welcome change of luck

THE victory of Raymylette in the Dick Christian Novices' Chase at Leicester yesterday changed the wretched run of racing luck which has dogged Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's wife, Madeleine, in fine style.

Having had an ideal introduction to ownership when buying a share in Dusty Miller, who won the County Hurdle at the Cheltenham festival in 1992, the Lloyd Webbers have since suffered a series of setbacks.

Lady Lloyd Webber, who lost the talented Al Mutahm last season and the promising Joe Gillis on Saturday at Kempton, was understandably delighted as she greeted Raymylette — the first horse to win in her own colours — back to the winner's enclosure.

"I've been involved with horses for many years and know all about the ups and downs," she commented. "The ups are fantastic and the downs don't get any easier. But this was marvellous — wasn't he fantastic?"

The Nicky Henderson-trained gelding jumped soundly in front and pulled clear of Rouyan from the third last, eventually scoring by 30 lengths.

Adrian Maguire, who had endured a miserable run of fortune himself until Fortune And Fame got him back in the winning groove at Leopardstown on Sunday, broke a losing run of 26 rides in Britain when taking the opening Croxton Park Novices' Hurdle on Googly.

Maguire had the 7-4 favourite handily placed throughout, and she struck the front when pacemaking Paradise Navy put in a slow jump three out.

However, in desperate ground, the jockey had to keep her up to her work all the way to the line to hold off that rival by two lengths.

Winning trainer John White, whose stable is just emerging from a spell of coughing which caused him to shut up shop for a time, said: "They're just starting to come right again but it's been a tough time and if we hadn't had a good run early in the season we'd have been in trouble."

Carl Llewellyn, who was unseated when Book Of Runes tried to run out at the ninth in the novice chase, bounced straight back to take the Rabbit Handicap Chase on Christmas Gorse, who stayed on well up the straight to beat Viva Bella.

Llewellyn promptly completed his double on Nigel Twiston-Davies's Tothewoods in the Stonesby Novices' Hurdle, the heavily-backed 11-10 on favourite winning readily from Corner Boy, who had not been helped by losing several lengths at the start.

Oliver Sherwood's Stormhead, one of those affected by the virus earlier in the year, returned with a fine effort in the heavy ground when making all under topweight to beat Damier Blanc in the Daniel Lambert Handicap Hurdle.

CHEPSTOW

THUNDERER

1.20 Grange Brake. 1.50 Captain Dolford. 2.20 Earth Summit. 2.50 Paper Days. 3.20 Double Silk. 3.50 Sterling Buck.

Brian Beel: 3.20 DOUBLE SILK.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY PATCHES) SIS

1.20 RALPH MOREL HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,746: 2m 3f 110yd) (5 runners)

101 133-143 GRANGE BRAKE 24 (B,D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Mould) N Twiston-Davies 8-11-10 C Llewellyn 94
102 321-P21 DARE SAY 22 (D,F,G,S) (H Perry) R Alner 11-10-12 S Earle 95
103 11-FP25 RAFIKI 12 (F,G,S) (J Cardington) Mrs J Retter 9-10-12 S Burrough 94
104 022-121 CASTLE DIAMOND 10 (F,S) (Mrs S Kavanagh) H Kavanagh 7-10-7 R Dunwoody 98
105 244-322 CHIASSO FORTE 22 (BF,G,S) (Midlands Partnership) P Hobbs 11-10-7 M Hourigan [illegible]

BETTING: 2-1 Grange Brake, 5-1 Castle Diamond, 7-2 Rafiki, 4-1 Dare Say, 8-1 Chiasso Forte.

1993: CHERRYKINO 8-12-0 H Davies (5-4 fav) T Forster 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

GRANGE BRAKE 37l 3rd of 10 to Antonin in a handicap chase at Newbury (3m 2f 110yd, soft). DARE SAY beat Old Road 20l in a 4-runner handicap chase at Leicester (2m 1f, soft). RAFIKI 1½l 2nd of 4 to Camelot Knight in a handicap chase over course and distance (heavy) on penultimate start. CASTLE DIAMOND beat Ramstar short-head in a 16-runner novice chase at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, heavy). CHIASSO FORTE 15l 2nd of 8 to Crystal Bear in a claiming chase at Exeter (2m 2f, heavy).
Selection: CASTLE DIAMOND.

1.50 CLIVE GRAHAM HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,406: 3m) (11 runners)

201 11P-FP0 STIRRUP CUP 10 (G,S) (Ellis Racing Club) C Egerton 10-11-10 J Railton —
202 3561-63 BUONARROTI 22 (D,G,S) (Spacemage Limited) J Old 7-11-10 T Grantham 98
203 2110-32 GRENAGH 28 (CD,S) (Mrs D Joyce) V Bishop 13-11-2 W Marston [illegible]
204 501063- SNOWY LANE 259 (V,CD,G,S) (M & N Plant Ltd) M Pipe 6-11-2 R Dunwoody 98
205 31-0113 LINKSIDE 10 (D,G,S) (D Calms) M Meagher 9-11-0 D Murphy 98
206 14-051 CAPTAIN DOLFORD 25 (D,S) (R Brinkworth) D Gandolfo 7-10-11 J McCarthy (5) 95
207 313-083 CORACO 46 (S) (Mrs T Pilkington) Mrs T Pilkington 7-10-4 D Bridgwater 93
208 /0403-U LEAVENWORTH 28 (G) (A Gardiner-Hill) Mrs J Retter 10-10-4 S Burrough 97
209 151F/62 FLYER'S NAP 22 (CD,BF,S) (B Tory) R Alner 8-10-3 S Earle 95
210 34-2363 SUNLEY BAY 12 (G,S) (Mrs M Barber) P Nicholls 8-10-0 DOUBTFUL (7) 97
211 03/55/ MAN FOR ALL SEASON 787 (C,S) (S Burfield) P Hobbs 8-10-0 M Hourigan —

Long handicap: Man For All Season 9-11.

BETTING: 7-2 Captain Dolford, 4-1 Buonarroti, 9-2 Linkside, 6-1 Grenagh, 7-1 Snowy Lane, 8-1 Flyer's Nap, 10-1 Coraco, 20-1 Stirrup Cup, Leavenworth, 33-1 Man For All Season.

1993: GRENAGH 12-11-2 W Marston (7-2) V Bishop 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

BUONAROTTI 5¾l 3rd of 10 to Toogood To Be True in a handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 5f 110yd, soft). GRENAGH 3l 2nd of 12 to Sylvia Beach in a conditional jockeys handicap hurdle here (2m 4f 110yd, heavy), with LEAVENWORTH behind when unseated rider 3 out. SNOWY LANE 25l 3rd of 8 to Chucklestone in a handicap hurdle over course and distance (firm). LINKSIDE 2l 3rd of 24 to Toogood To Be True in a handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, heavy), with STIRRUP CUP (5lb better off) 27l 16th. CAPTAIN DOLFORD beat Montagnard 5l in an 8-runner conditional jockeys handicap hurdle at Newbury (3m 110yd, heavy). CORACO 16l 3rd of 12 to Newton Point in a handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (3m 110yd, good), with FLYER'S NAP (1lb worse off) 11¼l 6th. LEAVENWORTH 5¾l 3rd of 13 to Suffolk Road in a handicap hurdle at Worcester (3m, soft) on penultimate start. FLYER'S NAP 10l 2nd of 10 to Dig Deeper in a handicap hurdle at Leicester (3m, heavy). SUNLEY BAY 10¾l 3rd of 14 to Auction Law in a handicap chase at Wincanton (3m 1f 110yd, good to soft).
Selection: LINKSIDE (nap)

2.20 ASPIRING CHAMPIONS NOVICES CHASE (£3,625: 3m) (6 runners)

301 216211 EARTH SUMMIT 22 (B,CD,G,S) (R Sims) N Twiston-Davies 6-12-0 C Llewellyn 98
302 33-1141 MUDAHIM 25 (C,D,F,G,S) (K Bell) C Broad 8-11-11 W Marston [illegible]
303 5 SHAAB TURBO 73 (H Cole) H Cole 8-11-5 S Burrough 81
304 4/3-2966 WILLIE MCGARR 17 (Mrs D Thomas) Mrs D Thomas 9-11-5 R Dunwoody 70
305 0/PP/00 PHYL'S LEGACY 6 (Miss A Broyd) Miss A Broyd 9-11-0 D Bridgwater —
306 PF ROMANY CREEK 10 (Duke Of Alboll) G Balding 5-10-7 J Frost —

BETTING: 8-11 Mudahim, 11-8 Earth Summit, 14-1 Shaab Turbo, 20-1 Romany Creek, Willie McGarr, 33-1 Phyl's Legacy

1993: CAPABILITY BROWN 6-11-11 P Scudamore (8-15 fav) M Pipe 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

EARTH SUMMIT beat Lo Stregone 8l in a 5-runner novice chase at Cheltenham (2m 5f, soft). Previously beat Suffolk Road 20l in a 7-runner novice chase over course and distance (heavy). MUDAHIM ran-on to beat Malicom 1¾l in a 6-runner novice chase at Newbury (3m, heavy). SHAAB TURBO 15¾l 5th of 12 to Golden Fare in a novice handicap chase at Taunton (2m 3f, good to firm). WILLIE MCGARR was about 36¾l 6th of 11 to Honest Word in a novice chase at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, soft). Earlier 16¾l 3rd of 10 to Congregation in a novice chase at Exeter (2m 3f, good to soft). PHYL'S LEGACY was a 27l 8th of 15 to Raba Rite in a novice handicap chase at Ludlow (3m, good).
Selection: MUDAHIM

2.50 GROUSE JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £1,968: 2m 110yd) (8 runners)

401 1 FOOLS ERRAND 7 (S) (Mrs D Russell) R Hannon 11-6 D Murphy 98
402 341 LOVE YOU MADLY 22 (S) (Mrs A Fanan) M Pipe 11-1 J Lower 89
403 421324 VELVET HEART 10 (S) (F Cantis) Mrs A Knight 11-1 S Burrough 98
404 CYBORGO 254F (County Stores Ltd) M Pipe 11-0 M Foster —
405 DEVILS DEN 110F (T Bansford) M Pipe 11-0 R Dunwoody —
406 0 IMAD 54 (A Bocking) J White 11-0 W McFarland —
407 04 PAPER DAYS 22 (M Stott) P Murphy 11-0 E Murphy [illegible]
408 300 POLLY LEACH 87 (M Wiley) G Ham 10-9 B Powell 78

BETTING: 2-1 Devils Den, 3-1 Fools Errand, 9-2 Paper Days, 5-1 Velvet Heart, 8-1 Love You Madley, 12-1 Cyborgo, 25-1 Imad, 33-1 Polly Leach.

1993: BOBINGO 4-11-5 P Scudamore (1-8 fav) M Pipe 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

FOOLS ERRAND beat Brian 30l in a 5-runner novice hurdle at Folkestone (2m 1f 110yd, heavy). LOVE YOU MADLY beat VELVET HEART (7lb better off) head in a 9-runner novice hurdle at Exeter (2m 2f, heavy). VELVET HEART 15l 4th of 10 to Kadastrof in a 4-y-o hurdle at Warwick (2m, soft). CYBORGO 4l 2nd of 8 to Cross Du Chatelet in a maiden at La Rochelle-Chatelaillon (1m 3f 110yd, soft) on penultimate start. DEVILS DEN beat Without A Flag 12l in an 8-runner claimer at York (1m 2f 85yd, heavy). PAPER DAYS about 3¾l 4th of 14 to Arder Mole in a novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, soft).
Selection: VELVET HEART

3.20 EARTHSTOPPERS HUNTERS CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,548: 3m) (9 runners)

501 311111- DOUBLE SILK 265 (D,F,G,S) (R Wilkins) R Wilkins 10-12-2 R Treloggen (5) [illegible]
502 3/11160- EASTER FROLIC 269 (D Caro) D Caro 12-11-10 A Phillips (7) —
503 U32224- MAJESTIC BUCK 257 (D,F,G,S) Mrs J Sidebottom 14-11-10 Miss P Jones (5) —
504 P/12222- MY MELLOW MAN 265 (S) (W Gooden) W Gooden 11-11-10 Miss P Curling (5) 62
505 P211P1- PARKBHRIDE 241 (P Bowen) P Bowen 8-11-10 J Llewellyn (7) —
506 41252-5 RUSTY BRIDGE 10 (J Johnson) J Johnson 7-11-10 R Johnson (7) 68
507 2P3PP-0 SALCOMBE HARBOUR 10 (B,S) (Mrs J Irish) H Irish 10-11-10 P Pritchard (7) 77
508 4/54U0P- SPORTING MARINER 313 (D,F,G,S) (D Bloor) D Bloor 12-11-10 D Bloor (7) 66
509 23114-0 DOUBTING DONNA 10 (CD,S) (Mrs D Hughes) Mrs D Hughes 8-11-8 V Hughes (7) 60

☐ Form figures include point-to-point runs

BETTING: 2-5 Double Silk, 6-1 My Mellow Man, 8-1 Rusty Bridge, Parkbhride, 14-1 Easter Frolic, Doubting Donna, 20-1 Majestic Buck, Salcombe Harbour, 25-1 Sporting Mariner.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

DOUBLE SILK beat Knockmeshin 30l in a 4-runner hunter chase at Cheltenham (3m 2f 110yd, good to firm). EASTER FROLIC 9l 3rd of 12 to Kilcrea Rose in a hunter chase at Limerick (3m, good). MY MELLOW MAN 8l 2nd of 11 to Beech Grove in a hunter chase at Cheltenham (3m 1f 110y, good to firm). RUSTY BRIDGE 1l 2nd of 10 to Sceptagloor in a maiden hunter chase at Towcester (3m 1f 110y, good). DOUBTING DONNA beat Jurastan 2l in a 15-runner hunter chase at Chepstow (3m, soft).
Selection: DOUBLE SILK

3.50 QUAIL NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,108: 2m 110yd) (14 runners)

601 0-P SARACEN'S BOY 12 (M Churches) M Churches 5-12-8 Mr G Pollock (7) —
602 6-15 WITH IMPUNITY 26 (D,S) (Guest Leasing) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-12 C Llewellyn [illegible]
603 0362P/6 CHEMIN LE ROI 28 (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-8 I Lawrence —
604 20/SU-6F FIRST LESSON 22 (Stainless Threaded Fasteners) P Hobbs 8-11-3 M Hourigan 83
605 0054 FIRST CENTURY 26 (Merthyr Tydfil Limited) B Llewellyn 5-10-8 Mr J Llewellyn (7) 86
606 00-6020 BARAHIN 36 (M Hickey) W Guest 5-10-8 D O'Sullivan 83
607 -5-0P DURSHAN 45 (C Noble) J Jenkins 5-10-6 D Murphy —
608 0-50543 STERLING BUCK 34 (G Yardley) G Yardley 7-10-4 W McFarland 88
609 506- GO MARY 293 (Miss C Phillips) Miss C Phillips 8-10-0 W Marston 87
610 0P-0P52 MASTER MURPHY 17 (Mrs S Herridge) P Murphy 5-10-0 E Murphy 87
611 50-405P NAVAL BATTLE 28 (S) (P Deal) J King 7-10-0 R Dunwoody 83
612 53-05PP PRINCE VALMY 29 (B) (Mrs S Hooper) N Ayliffe 9-10-0 B Powell 84
613 0PP FIFTH IN LINE 12 (B) (Mrs J Edwards-Heathcote) T George 6-10-0 G Maude —
614 0/F/U0P- HIGHLAND BRAVE 342 (Mrs T Williams) J Colston 7-10-0 L Harvey —

Long handicap: Master Murphy 9-12, Naval Battle 9-11, Prince Valmy 9-10, Fifth In Line 9-1, Highland Brave 9-0.

BETTING: 3-1 Chemin Le Roi, 9-2 With Impunity, 5-1 Durshan, 6-1 Master Murphy, 8-1 First Century, 10-1 First Lesson, Sterling Buck, 14-1 Barahin, Naval Battle, 15-1 Go Mary, 20-1 others.

1993: CRYSTAL CONE 7-9-7 D Salter (11-1) A Forte 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

WITH IMPUNITY beat Koriveka King 2½l in a 5-runner novice hurdle at Haydock (2m, heavy). CHEMIN LE ROI 4l 2nd of 11 to Steeple Jack in a novice hurdle at Worcester (2m, soft) in February 1992. BARAHIN 4l 2nd of 12 to Allegation in a novice handicap hurdle at Doncaster (2m 110y, good). STERLING BUCK 16l 3rd of 16 to Alice Smith in a novice handicap hurdle at Ludlow (2m 5f 110y, soft). GO MARY 17l 5th of 11 to Sylvia Beach in a novice hurdle at Hereford (2m 3f 110y, good to firm). MASTER MURPHY 1l 2nd of 12 to Princethorpe in a novice handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m, soft).
Selection: WITH IMPUNITY

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wnrs	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J White	3	8	37.5	R Dunwoody	22	93	23.7
M Pipe	62	217	28.6	D Murphy	6	26	23.1
N Twiston-Davies	12	59	20.3	M Hourigan	3	18	16.7
R Alner	3	16	18.8	T Grantham	3	20	15.0
Mrs J Pitman	16	91	17.6	B Powell	8	69	11.6
Mrs J Retter	3	17	17.6	L Harvey	6	45	13.3

Champion hunter can return in style

By Brian Beel

DOUBLE Silk, the winner last year of both the Cheltenham and Aintree Foxhunters' Chases, returns to action at Chepstow today for the season's first hunter chase.

An ambitious programme lies ahead with his owner, Reg Wilkins, having taken out a permit to train. This was necessary in order to be able to enter him in the Cheltenham Gold Cup and the Grand National.

Double Silk's fine achievement in landing the big Cheltenham-Liverpool double was last achieved in 1981 by Grittar, who 12 months later captured the National. William Hill make Double Silk a 50-1 chance for the Gold Cup but, significantly, offer only 20-1 for Aintree.

Like most home-trained horses, Double Silk benefits from having a race or two under his belt, but Wilkins said: "He is much further forward than he was at this time last season."

Before going on to win five successive events last term, Double Silk had been beaten first time out, at Wincanton. "The distance was too short for him and he had been suffering from corns," Wilkins reported.

During the winter months he has been hunted with the Mendip Farmers by either Wilkins or his regular race rider, Ron Treloggen.

His task today looks to be an easy one with none of his opponents better than open point-to-point standard. It will give encouragement to Jenny Litston on her road to recovery if her old favourite, My Mellow Man, runs well but my choice for the dual forecast is Rusty Bridge.

At Larkhill ten days ago, Rusty Bridge showed he was in good heart when running a creditable fifth of 23 in a high-class Land Rover qualifier.

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER

1.30 Moorish. 2.00 Front Street. 2.30 Shraden Leader. 3.00 Cabin Hill. 3.30 Dr Rocket. 4.00 SCARF (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.30 MOORISH.

GOING: SOFT SIS

1.30 WILFORD NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,138: 2m) (22 runners)

1 -145 MOZEMO 58 (B,D,G) D Sherwood 7-11-10 J Osborne 86
2 510P VASILIEV 3 (V,D,S) M Hammond 6-11-10 C Grant 93
3 01R3 BALLYHYLAND 68 (G) J Webber 5-11-5 R Bellamy —
4 AMAR 8F (V) A Potts 5-11-3 L O'Hara —
5 -F03 DISTINCTIVE 38 M Wilkinson 5-11-3 P Ward (7) 72
6 06 DYNAMITE DAN 56 Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-3 M Dwyer —
7 6 GOLDEN TORQUE 29 R Bastiman 7-11-3 H Bastiman (5) 77
8 0 IVORLINE 22 O O'Neill 7-11-3 V Slattery —
9 54- KRISSOS 363 Denys Smith 7-11-3 P Waggott (5) 72
10 P6 LORD NASKRA 12 I Campbell 5-11-3 R Campbell —
11 0 OORPALWENTY 35 C Mach 7-11-3 Pat Thompson (7) —
12 0/P- PERSIAN BUD 82F J Bosley 6-11-3 M Bosley —
13 0-04 TEST MATCH 22 (S) W Clay 7-11-3 Diane Clay 86
14 502 THE FROG PRINCE 36 N Gaselee 8-11-3 R Supple 87
15 2/P YOUNG GUS 12 Mrs M Reveley 7-11-3 P Niven —
16 0-5 ANNIE KELLY 38 J Wharton 5-10-12 B Dalton 80
17 3 ERICOLIN 50 N Tinkler 4-10-6 G McCourt 85
18 2 MOORISH 58 J White 4-10-6 A Maguire [illegible]
19 00 UPWARD SURGE 4 K Bailey 4-10-6 N Williamson —
20 340 ARE YOU HAPPY 130 J Upson 4-10-1 J James (7) 74
21 0 MULLED ALE 99 S Sherwood 4-10-1 M Richards —
22 WORKINGFORPEANUTS 29F C Smith 4-10-1 A Carroll —

7-4 Moorish, 9-2 Ballyhyland, 7-1 The Frog Prince, 8-1 Ericolin, Mozemo, 10-1 Vasiliev, 14-1 Test Match, 16-1 Amar, Dynamite Dan, 20-1 others.

2.00 ARNOLD NOVICES CHASE (£2,541: 2m) (8)

1 0-03 DAN DE LYON 66 D Nicholson 6-11-3 A Maguire —
2 28/0 EMERALD GEM 39 (S) D Brennan 8-11-3 M Brennan —
3 6-03 EMERALD RULER 26 (S) J Webber 7-11-3 G McCourt —
4 3FP FRONT LINE 22 J J O'Neill 7-11-3 N Williamson 74
5 3132 FRONT STREET 25 (S) S Sherwood 7-11-3 G Upton [illegible]
6 NAKIR 436 (S) S Christian 6-11-3 J Osborne —
7 /3U- NEWLANDS-GENERAL 382 (G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-3 M Dwyer 78
8 000 MISS CRUISE 12 N Babbage 7-10-12 W Humphreys —

6-4 Front Street, 5-2 Newlands-General, 5-1 Dan De Lyon, 13-2 Emerald Ruler, 12-1 Emerald Gem, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Egerton, 4 winners from 10 runners, 40.0%; N Henderson, 9 from 30, 30.0%; Mrs M Reveley, 6 from 26, 23.1%; M Pipe, 10 from 44, 22.7%; R Hodges, 5 from 24, 20.8%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 9 from 45, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: G McCourt, 15 winners from 63 rides, 23.8%; P Niven, 9 from 38, 23.7%; J Osborne, 11 from 51, 21.6%; G Upton, 3 from 14, 21.4%; Richard Guest, 3 from 15, 20.0%; M Dwyer, 13 from 74, 17.6%.

Blinkered first time

LINGFIELD PARK: 1.40 Coven Star. 2.10 Apollo Red. 4.10 Miss Katie Louise.

2.30 OLLERTON HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,114: 3m 110yd) (12)

1 1/P NEARCO BAY 22 N Henderson 10-12-0 M A Fitzgerald —
2 -F45 POLAR REGION 29 (D,F,G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-10 M Dwyer 83
3 324- PEAJADE 283 (D,G,S) D Nicholson 10-11-7 A Maguire 89
4 112- URANUS COLLONGES 328 (S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-6 P Niven 92
5 4-13 MATT REID 12 (D,G,S) J Leigh 10-11-4 Mr W Morgan 93
6 -45P HEY COTTAGE 54 (G,S) D McCain 9-11-4 G McCourt 80
7 12/1 SHRADEN LEADER 24 (C,D,G,S) K Bailey 9-11-3 A Tory [illegible]
8 42-2 THE LAUGHING LORD 39 (BF,F,G,S) M Pipe 8-11-1 A Thornton (3) 90
9 44UP SMOOTH ESCORT 10 (V,G,S) Mrs D Haine 10-11-0 N Williamson 97
10 P-1U YOUNG MINER 39 (BF,G,S) Mrs T McInnes Skinner 8-10-3 G Upton 98
11 3315 MISS FERN 22 (D,F,G,S) R Dickin 9-10-0 D Meredith (3) 93
12 P312 NO ICHI DO 28 (BF,F,G,S) Miss S Wilson 8-10-0 T Eley (5) 83

2-1 Shraden Leader, 9-2 Young Miner, 5-1 The Laughing Lord, Uranus Collonges, 7-1 Polar Region, 10-1 Peajade, 12-1 Matt Reid, 16-1 others.

3.00 CARLTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,285: 2m) (12)

1 -14P OLD EROS 25 (D,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 10-11-10 P Niven —
2 4336 TITUS GOLD 45 (V,CD,S) W Clay 9-11-9 Diane Clay 86
3 4222 DJEBEL PRINCE 7 (D,BF,G,S) C Egerton 7-11-5 J Osborne 96
4 24/P MASTER GLEN 55 (D,G) G Oldroyd 6-11-3 P Midgley (5) —
5 -110 CABIN HILL 75 (D,BF,F,S) S Christian 8-11-2 G McCourt 93
6 4224 ISLAND JEWEL 22 (D,S) J Bosley 6-11-0 M Bosley 92
7 1114 CARDINAL BIRD 12 (B,D,BF,G,S) S Mellor 7-10-12 Chris Webb (7) 92
8 4416 MYTHICAL STORM 48 (G,S) Mrs M Reveley 7-10-11 Mr M Buckley (5) 95
9 /1-5 RAMBLE 45 (G) J Old 7-10-10 A Maguire 97
10 5654 PERSONAL HAZARD 12 (D,S) M H Easterby 5-10-10 L Wyer [illegible]
11 U402 IN TRUTH 10 (G) M Hammond 6-10-2 C Grant 98
12 013/ SODA POPINSKI 628F (D,G) I Campbell 6-10-2 R Campbell —

4-1 Mythical Storm, 5-1 Cabin Hill, 6-1 Djebel Prince, 8-1 Old Eros, Personal Hazard, 10-1 Cardinal Bird, Ramble, 16-1 others

3.30 BONNINGTON HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,711: 2m) (6)

1 U0P- GREENHEART 257 (D,F,G) R Townsend 11-12-0 Mr P Bull 85
2 3234 AL HASHIMI 17 (D,F,G) R Hodges 10-11-4 A Maguire 98
3 2-FF VAIN PRINCE 81 (B,D,F,G,S) N Tinkler 7-11-1 G McCourt 96
4 53-5 LAUNDRYMAN 28 (G,S) M Bradstock 11-10-13 G Bradley 95
5 2325 DR ROCKET 10 (CD,F,G,S) R Dickin 9-10-11 D Meredith (3) 98
6 U43U ALAN BALL 3 (CD,F,G) Miss S Wilson 8-10-0 T Eley (5) [illegible]

9-4 Alan Ball, 3-1 Dr Rocket, 7-2 Al Hashimi, 5-1 Vain Prince, 6-1 Laundryman, 20-1 Greenheart.

4.00 STOP GAP NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,030: 2m 5f 110yd) (14)

1 06P1 TWIN STATES 4 (S) J Turner 5-11-12 (10ex) W Fry (7) 93
2 -024 DIVINE CHANCE 17 N Gaselee 5-11-10 J Osborne 88
3 655 SCARF 13 J J O'Neill 6-11-8 M Dwyer 80
4 -R63 SON OF IRIS 40 Mrs M Reveley 6-11-7 P Niven 80
5 10 ARMASHOCKER 54 (S) Bob Jones 6-11-3 V Smith 93
6 2422 TYNRON DOON 7 (B) Mrs N Macauley 5-10-13 E Husband (5) 87
7 -063 NICSAMLYN 35 C Smith 7-10-12 Mr T Stephenson 83
8 3-00 AURORA LAD 6 Mrs S Smith 7-10-11 Richard Guest [illegible]
9 5336 UP ALL NIGHT 29 R Curtis 5-10-4 D Morris 88
10 F330 WALLISTRANO 54 J Upson 7-10-4 R Supple 95
11 000- CRYSTAL MINSTREL 333 J Upson 8-10-1 J James (7) —
12 0P-5 LENTHALL PRINCESS 34 J Needham 8-10-0 N Williamson —
13 P-FP SHARPSIDE 53 (B) P Hobbs 7-10-0 A Maguire —
14 000P THE OVERTRUMPER 29 G Roe 7-10-0 T Jenks (5) —

4-1 Twin States, 5-1 Armashocker, Scarf, 6-1 Son Of Iris, Tynron Doon, 8-1 Divine Chance, Nicsamlyn, 12-1 others.

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

1.40 Old Hook. 2.10 Can Can Charlie. 2.40 Perfay. 3.10 Ibsen. 3.40 Lowawatha. 4.10 Caspian Gold.

GOING: STANDARD SIS

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1.40 VAUXHALL SELLING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,322: 1m) (10 runners)

1 1-05 OLD HOOK 7 (D,F) Allan Smith (Bel) 9-2 E Van Reybroeck 7
2 4-43 ENCORE SENOR 7 N Callaghan 8-11 L Carter (7) 9
3 010- HERR TRIGGER 87 (B,CD,G) J Scargill 8-11 K Rutter (5) 2
4 0-53 KING OF THE HORSE 4 (V) D Loder 8-11 L Dettori 6
5 650- VAYELLO 29 C Smith 8-11 P McCabe (5) 8
6 YOUNG LUCKY C Wildman 8-11 C Rutter 10
7 000- A SUITABLE GIRL 122 G Eden 8-6 J Williams 1
8 00- COVEN STAR 41 (V) D Morris 8-6 Stephen Davies (3) 4
9 060- HUMMINGBIRDPRINCESS 153 A Moore 8-6 N Adams 5
10 52-0 LITTLE MINER 22 B Palling 8-6 D Holland 3

2-1 King Of The Horse, 11-4 Encore Senor, 5-1 Old Hook, 7-1 others.

2.10 HUNGERFORD HANDICAP (£2,758: 7f) (16)

1 1-53 EXPRESS SERVICE 11 (V,CD,G) W O'Gorman 5-10-0 Emma O'Gorman (3) 11
2 050- SPLASH OF SALT 29 (C,G) T Naughton 4-9-11 D Holland 13
3 32-3 SIR NORMAN HOLT 10 (B,CD,F,G) R O'Sullivan 5-9-10 D Biggs 16
4 00-1 ANNIVERSAIRE 11 (D,G) Bob Jones 4-9-9 M Wigham 14
5 646- CALISAR 25 (D,G,S) P Howling 4-9-9 J Quinn 2
6 /00- SKULLCAP 35 (F) T Naughton 4-9-8 R Perham 3
7 3-36 VILLAGE GREEN 14 (B) K Cunningham-Brown 4-9-9 T Quinn 9
8 -022 CAN CAN CHARLIE 3 (D,G) M Johnston 4-9-7 J Weaver 1
9 030- UMBRIA 127 (S) R O'Sullivan 5-9-5 L Dettori 8
10 03-1 SPEEDY CLASSIC 24 (B,C,G) M Heaton-Ellis 5-9-2 Stephen Davies (3) 7
11 026- APOLLO RED 25 (V) A Moore 5-9-2 N Adams 6
12 -532 HOY-LIEGH-RAG 4 J Berry 4-9-1 L Charnock 10
13 000- FAIRY FREE 127 C Britain 5-9-1 B Doyle (3) 4
14 03-0 STORMY HEIGHTS 24 (B,F) J Jenkins 4-9-1 W Newnes 12
15 0-25 ARAWA 3 D Marks 4-8-13 M Baird (7) 15
16 4-32 PUSEY STREET BOY 11 (D,BF,F,G,S) J Bosley 7-8-13 Paul Eddery 5

5-1 Anniversaire, 6-1 Can Can Charlie, Hoy-Liegh-Rag, 7-1 Sir Norman Holt, 8-1 Pusey Street Boy, 10-1 Express Service, Speedy Classic, 14-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Bob Jones, 5 winners from 17 runners, 29.4%; D Loder, 3 from 11, 27.3%; J Berry, 15 from 57, 26.3%; R Hollinshead, 14 from 60, 23.3%; W O'Gorman, 34 from 154, 22.1%; M Johnston, 20 from 100, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 26 winners from 76 rides, 34.2%; Emma O'Gorman, 36 from 157, 22.9%; J Weaver, 8 from 35, 22.9%; K Rutter, 10 from 47, 21.3%; T Quinn, 58 from 305, 19.0%.

2.40 BERENSONS SOLICITORS CLAIMING STAKES (£2,821: 1m 4f) (6)

1 84-4 RAPPORTEUR 17 (CD,F,G,S) C C Elsey 8-9-7 W Newnes 2
2 54-2 PERFAY 17 (C,BF,G,S) D Wilson 6-9-1 L Dettori 4
3 400- EWAR GOLD 25 K Cunningham-Brown 4-8-12 T Quinn 1
4 000- BALADIYA 13J (D,G,S) D Morris 7-8-7 Stephen Davies (3) 5
5 000- LYPH 288J (C,G) P Hedger 8-8-7 S Dawson 3
6 000- GOLDEN SPHINX 101 K Bishop 4-8-2 Antoinette Armes (7) 6

11-8 Perfay, 2-1 Rapporteur, 8-1 Golden Sphinx, 10-1 Baladiya, 16-1 others.

3.10 TOWER HANDICAP (£3,085: 2m) (6)

1 300- DIME BAG 29 (CD,G) J Edwards 5-10-0 Paul Eddery 2
2 -552 ARCTIC GUEST 11 (C,F,G) C Smith 4-9-0 K Rutter (5) 4
3 15-4 IBSEN 21 (CD,G,S) R Akehurst 6-8-6 D Holland 6
4 -231 ARC BRIGHT 10 (C,G) R Hollinshead 4-8-5 L Dettori 5
5 /00- SURE PRIDE 26J A Moore 6-8-0 N Adams 1
6 000- PATROCLUS 77J (C,F,G,S) R Voorspuy 9-7-7 G Bardwell 3

6-4 Arc Bright, 5-2 Ibsen, 3-1 Arctic Guest, 5-1 Sure Pride, 8-1 others.

3.40 ALBERT HANDICAP (£3,202: 1m 2f) (6)

1 62-2 INVOCATION 24 (C,G) A Moore 7-10-0 N Adams 2
2 03-3 BEVERLY KNIGHT 21 (CD,G) D Murray Smith 4-9-6 D Biggs 6
3 000- ST MARTHA 42 (B) M Tompkins 4-9-1 S Mulvey (7) 1
4 00-U LOWAWATHA 8 (CD,G,S) D Morris 6-9-0 L Dettori 3
5 000- BONNIFER 83 (F) J Berry 5-8-4 L Charnock 5
6 000- MIGHTY WRATH 25 R O'Sullivan 4-7-7 J Quinn 4

6-4 Beverly Knight, 9-4 Invocation, 11-4 Lowawatha, 8-1 Bonnifer, 14-1 others.

4.10 CHELSEA HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,899: 6f) (6)

1 15-0 THREEPENNY-BRIDGE 15 (B,CD,BF,F,G) W G M Turner 9-7 P McCabe (5) 5
2 5-51 CASPIAN GOLD 3 (C,G) C Allen 9-7 (7ex) E Guest 3
3 16-2 NAME THE TUNE 17 (C,F) P Howling 9-4 D Biggs 4
4 2322 MONSIEUR PETONG 3 M Channon 8-12 R Painter (7) 1
5 -814 RISKIE THINGS 10 (CD,F,B) J Moore 8-11 N Adams 2
6 00-5 MISS KATIE LOUISE 24 (B) J Spearing 7-7 Kim McDonnell 6

2-1 Caspian Gold, 5-2 Name The Tune, 7-2 Monsieur Petong, 6-1 others

Tote Gold Trophy weights

Valfinet 7-12-0, Oh So Risky 7-12-0, King Credo 9-12-0, Spinning 7-11-6, Absalom's Lady 6-11-3, Flakey Dove 8-11-1, Tiananmen Square 6-10-13, Land Afar 7-10-12, Majed 6-10-12, High Baron 7-10-10, Satin Lover 6-10-10, Leotard 7-10-9, Large Action 6-10-8, Precious Boy 8-10-6, Thumbs Up 8-10-4, Sharp Invite 7-10-4, Judicial Field 5-10-1, Her Honour 5-9-13, Highbrook 6-9-11, Arabian Bold 6-9-11, Welshman 8-9-10, Oneupmanship 9-9-9, Nijmegen 6-9-9, Arcot 6-9-9, Major Bugler 5-9-8, Holy Wanderer 5-9-6, Winnie The Witch 10-9-4, Riva 7-8-4, Galaxy High 7-9-2, Archie Brown 7-9-2, Fatack 9-9-2, Nikitas 9-9-1, Child Of The Mist 8-9-1, Eden's Close 5-9-1, Zamirah 5-9-1, Miami Splash 7-9-0, Morcell 6-8-12, Southfast 5-8-11, Northern Saddler 7-8-9, Clurican 5-8-8, Mareree 7-8-6, Lynch Law 6-8-6, So Proud 9-8-6, Merlins Wish 5-8-0 (To be run over two miles at Newbury on February 12).

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Leicester

Going: good to soft (chase course); heavy (hurdles)

1.30 (2m hdle) 1, GOOGLY (A Maguire, 7-4 fav); 2, Paradise Navy (R Dunwoody, 4-1); 3, Gayloire (Mr A Harvey, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Bentico (4th), 9 Volunteer Point, 25 Backstabber (pu), Golfins Bar (6th), 50 Swinging Song (pu), 66 Mistress Minx (5th), 100 North Hollow, Woodvard (pu), 200 What A Mount (pu). 12 ran. 2l, 1½l, dist, 10l, 8l. J White at Wendover. Tote: £2.10; £1.80, £1.90, £1.10. DF: £4.30. CSF: £8.61.

2.00 (2m hdle) 1, MORIARTY (J McCarthy, 16-1); 2, Raggerty (N Bentley, 2-1 fav); 3, Jokers Patch (A Thornton, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Pinecone Peter (5th), 11-2 Baybeejay (4th), 7 Mecado (pu), Sabin Lake (pu), 10 Peacock Feather (pu). 8 ran. NR: Barcham. 10l, 8l, 12l, 1½l. R Price at Leominster. Tote: £11.80; £2.10, £1.10, £2.70. DF: £23.10. Trio: £96.80. CSF: £50.54. Tricast: £181.92.

2.30 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, RAYMYLETTE (R Dunwoody, 11-4 jt-fav); 2, Rouyan (I Lawrence, 11-2); 3, Kev's Lass (P Murphy, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 jt-fav Ramstar (pu), 11-2 Chichell's Hurst (pu), 6 Book Of Runes (ur), 12 Ask The Governor (f), 20 Smiles Ahead (pu), 33 Uneals (pu), 40 Ridaka (4th), 66 Mayor Of Liscarrol (pu). 11 ran. NR: Vicar Of Bray. 30l, 30l, 10l. N Henderson at Lambourn. Tote: £4.20; £1.70, £2.20, £3.70. DF: £8.50. CSF: £18.18.

3.00 (3m ch) 1, CHRISTMAS GORSE (C Llewellyn, 10-1); 2, Viva Bella (J Burke, 16-1); 3, Choctaw (C Hawkins, 25-1); 4, Fast Cruise (A Thornton, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 5-1 jt-fav Tammy's Friend (pu), The Tartan Spartan (6th), 8 Concert Paper, 14 Beresfords Girl (ur), Betty Hayes (pu), Leagaune, Siverino (pu), The Forties (f), Woody Will (pu), 16 Sheephaven, Tribal Ruler, Woodlands Genhire (5th), 20 Notary-Nowell, 25 Jimsiro (pu), 33 Clonroche Driller, Gadbrook (pu), 50 Tagmoun Chauffeur, 100 Mistress McKenzie (f). 22 ran. NR: Underwychwood. 6l, 12l, 7l, 4l, 1l. N Gaselee at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £10.50; £3.90, £3.80, £4.50, £15.90. DF: £126.90. Trio: not won. CSF: £153.90. Tricast: £3,552.03.

3.30 (3m hdle) 1, TOTHEWOODS (C Llewellyn, 10-11 fav); 2, Corner Boy (A Maguire, 9-4); 3, Just A Second (R Dunwoody, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Killura (6th), 10 Very Little (4th), 25 Barney Rubble (5th), 33 Blue Lyzander (7th), 50 Senna Blue (pu), 100 Ana Blake (pu), No Battery Needed (pu), Philipponnat (pu). 11 ran. 3½l, 1½l, ¾l, 12l, dist. N Twiston-Davies at Cheltenham. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £1.50, £2.90. DF: £3.00. CSF: £3.29.

4.00 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, STORMHEAD (J Osborne, 7-1); 2, Damier Blanc (R Dunwoody, 4-1); 3, Sylvia Beach (E Murphy, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Senilsol (6th), 5 Zealous Kitten (4th), 11-2 Ima Delight, 12 Mrs Mayhew (f), 20 Red Ring (5th), 33 Heybest, Mildred Sophie. 10 ran. 1½l, 15l, 12l, 8l, 3l. O Sherwood at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £11.30; £3.00, £2.10, £2.00. DF: £12.70. Trio: £42.80. CSF: £33.72. Tricast: £185.18. Placepot: £271.90.

Wolverhampton

Going: standard

1.45 (1m 100yd) 1, POP TO STANS (Elizabeth Turner, 7-1); 2, Awestruck (S Sanders, 12-1); 3, Quinzii Martin (D Wright, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Clarification, 5 Tarda, 8 Hawaymyson (4th), 9 Watch Me Go, 16 Anorak, 20 Spice And Sugar (6th), 33 Goody Four Shoes, Harvest Rose (5th), 11 ran. NR: Roly Wallace, Spot The Dove. Nk, 2l, sh hd, 2½l, 2l. J Pearce at Newmarket. Tote: £8.00; £2.40, £2.50, £1.50. DF: £37.60. Trio: £19.10. CSF: £77.23. Tricast: £274.61.

2.15 (1m 6f 166yd) 1, CARROLLS MARC (J Weaver, 4-1); 2, Melamute Saloon (D Holland, 4-1); 3, Iota (Paul Eddery, 5-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 3 Must Be Magical, 14 Masai Mara (4th), Rising Tempo (5th), 16 Enfant Du Paradis, 25 Laabas (6th), Vision Of Wonder, 33 Nordross. 10 ran. NR: Firm Price, Final Ace. Hd, 1½l, 1½l, 3¾l, 1½l. P Haslam at Middleham. Tote: £4.50; £1.30, £2.40, £1.70. DF: £10.60. CSF: £20.31.

2.45 (7f) 1, SHAREOFTHEACTION (Paul Eddery, 16-1); 2, Balmaha (J Williams, 5-1); 3, Fools Treasure (G Bardwell, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Rapier Point (4th), J Cranfield Cracker, 9 Ethel Emma, Greenback, 14 Alnis, 16 Black Deed (5th), 20 Bayou, Harlequin Walk (6th), Icanspell. 12 ran. 2l, hd, 1½l, ¾l, hd. M Naughton at Richmond. Tote: £16.30; £3.00, £2.00, £4.70. DF: £39.50. CSF: £90.87.

3.15 (5f) 1, VERY DICEY (Ruth Coulter, 12-1); 2, Farndale (G Bardwell, 8-1); 3, Croft Imperial (J Weaver, 5-1). 3t, Sir Tasker (L Dettori, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Spender, 6 Pageboy, Phonesholic (6th), 14 Dayuz, Pallium, Simmie's Special (5th), 25 Daaniera. 11 ran. 3½l, 2l, dd-ht, 1l, 1½l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £35.70; £5.20, £2.10, Croft Imperial £0.80, Sir Tasker £1.90. DF: £83.60. Trio: Croft Imperial, Very Dicey, Farndale £78.90, Sir Tasker, Very Dicey, Farndale £47.50. CSF: £95.14. Tricast: Very Dicey, Farndale, Croft Imperial £248.38, Very Dicey, Farndale, Sir Tasker £372.06.

3.45 (6f) 1, SEA DEVIL (L Charnock, 9-4); 2, Sobe Guest (Emma O'Gorman, 8-1); 3, Assignment (T Williams, 7-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 8 Jon's Choice (4th), 10 So Superb, The Sharp Bidder (5th), 25 Open Agenda (6th), 33 Sure Shot Norman, 40 Forest Flyer. 9 ran. 1l, sh hd, 3l, nk, 1½l. M Camacho at Malton. Tote: £3.20; £1.30, £3.10, £1.60. DF: £14.40. CSF: £19.18.

4.15 (1m 100yd) 1, MAGIC JUNCTION (L Dettori, 4-5 fav); 2, Killing Time (S D Williams, 9-2); 3, Dame Prospect (T Williams, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 6 Dragon Man (4th), 25 Mr Monarny (5th). 5 ran. 1l, 1l, ¾l, dist. Lord Huntingdon at West Ilsley. Tote: £2.00; £1.30, £1.60. DF: £2.60. CSF: £4.36.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £2,028.68 carried forward to Chepstow today). Placepot: £57.60.

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Border frustrate Such at last turn

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON
IN EAST LONDON
SOUTH AFRICA

ENGLAND A could have done no more than they did to beat Border yesterday. In the end, the rain that prevented any play until 12.20pm saved the provincial side, which had one wicket in hand when the stumps were pulled at 5.50pm. Fourie and Badenhorst played out the last 29 balls of the day against Croft and Such to earn a draw.

As the spinners wheeled away towards the end, eight fielders crowded the batsmen with their arms outstretched like the spellbound at a seance. Such, who outshone his younger colleague and fellow off spinner by a distance, employed three silly points.

In his last bowl before the five-day Test match against South Africa A, which starts in Port Elizabeth on Thursday, Such took the creditable figures of four for 51 from 31 overs. Three wickets in successive overs after tea encouraged England to believe they could win the match. Had they been allowed the whole day, they would have won, for Border are a poor side.

The only player they are supplying to the South Africa A team is Palframan, the wicketkeeper, who pulled up in pain during his innings with a leg injury. To give some idea of how subservient the media are in this country, the radio commentators on a local station asked a BBC reporter who was their guest not to mention Palframan's injury so as not to disturb any selectors who might be listening.

Hugh Morris was not a disappointed captain, preferring to praise his bowlers for pressing Border so hard, and finding kind words for the groundstaff who made so much play possible after heavy overnight rain.

"I wanted to keep things tight after tea, so long as they had a chance of winning, but after they lost those three wickets, we were able to bowl with more fielders round the bat. We are expecting the ball to turn at Port Elizabeth and with an additional day there the spinners can play an important part.

"Peter Such has done a lot of bowling on this tour on pitches which have not assisted him very much. I was glad to see our two spinners get so much bowling today, and to bowl as well as they did. The players have been looking forward to the Test match for some time and after a leisurely drive down the coast tomorrow, and a light net on Wednesday, we will be properly prepared.

"Losing Cork was a big blow because he balanced the team so beautifully, batting at eight and bowling as well as he has. We must think about how best to balance our side and before we make our minds up we shall have to look at the pitch. We were led to believe it would be the same strip used for the Eastern Province game, with more grass left on."

All the bowlers took wickets yesterday after Border were left 77 overs to make 296. McCague, who will never be rude about pitches at Derby and Leicester again after struggling to get the ball above kneecap level on some of the ones here, took the first one, that of Lawson, who surrendered a tame catch to Morris at slip.

Morris would have recalled Ilott at the end if the light had been better. It was murky and when it was not drizzling it was trying hard to. The players ran off with seven overs left, only to charge out again at once when the clouds relented and save the over that was originally lost.

There were plenty of "if onlys". Croft and Such came within the proverbial coat of varnish of bowling Badenhorst, but Border survived and England go to Port Elizabeth with an honourable first-class record that reads: won 4, drawn 2, lost 1.

ENGLAND A: First innings 320 (S J Rhodes 108, M B Loye 71); Second innings 175-5 dec (H Morris 56).
BORDER: First innings 200 (S M O'Connor 50).

Second innings

M P Stonier c Taylor b Croft	48
A G Lawson c Morris b McCague	0
B M Osborne c Wells b Taylor	22
F J Bothe c Wells b Such	36
P C Strydom b Such	17
K Bevenmeister b Such	2
F J Cronje c Loye b Croft	13
†S J Palframan c Rhodes b Ilott	25
*I L Howell lbw b Such	7
B C Fouris not out	7
A Badenhorst not out	8
Extras (lb 2, w 2)	4
Total (8 wkts)	189

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-48, 3-95, 4-127, 5-127, 6-130, 7-184, 8-172, 9-180.
BOWLING: McCague 9-1-22-1; Ilott 9-3-24-1; Such 31-13-51-4; Taylor 5-1-23-1; Croft 23-4-67-2.

Australia recall Jones for tour of S Africa

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

DEAN Jones completed a remarkable comeback to international cricket when he was selected yesterday in the Australia squad to tour South Africa. Jones, 33 in March, was dropped from the Australia Test side in 1992 but fought back to win selection in the World Series one-day side this year, passing 50 in three of his six innings.

"I thought I had a foot in the door after those one-dayers," Jones said.

He goes at the expense of Damien Martyn, who played in the second Test against South Africa in Sydney. Martyn, who had an average over 70 on last year's Ashes tour of England but could not make the Test team, scored 59 in the first innings at Sydney.

The selectors have decided to keep faith with the fast bowler, Merv Hughes, who has played only one Sheffield Shield match since knee surgery.

The three-Test tour, which starts next month, is Australia's first visit to South Africa since 1969-70.

Steve Waugh, the all-rounder, has been recalled by Australia for the third Test, starting at the Adelaide Oval on Friday, in place of Martyn. Waugh missed the first two Tests with a hamstring problem. South Africa hold a 1-0 lead and are attempting to become the first South Africa side to win a series on Australian soil.

Allan Border, 38, the Australia captain, has arranged a new full-time job when he retires. He is to become a management officer for the Australian Cricket Board, overseeing its development programmes.

AUSTRALIA TOUR PARTY: A R Border (captain), M A Taylor (vice-captain), D C Boon, M L Hayden, I A Healy, M G Hughes, D M Jones, C J McDermott, G D McGrath, T B A May, P R Reiffel, M J Slater, S K Warne, M E Waugh, S R Waugh.
SQUAD FOR THIRD TEST MATCH: Border (capt), Taylor, Slater, Boon, M E Waugh, S R Waugh, Healy, Reiffel, Warne, May, McDermott, McGrath.

☐ Shoaib Muhammad made an unbeaten 77 to guide Pakistan to a comfortable seven-wicket win over Bangladesh in Dhaka in the second match of their one-day series yesterday. Bangladesh, having won the toss, batted first but reached only 184 for five from their 45 overs.

Pakistan achieved the target for the loss of three wickets with two overs to spare. Shoaib, who featured in a century partnership with Shakeel Ahmed, was made man of the match. Pakistan won the first game on Sunday by 62 runs.

Gore rues demise of adventurous age

A former cricket captain of Antigua speaks with pride about his heritage to **Andrew Longmore**



Gore in reflective mood against the backdrop of palm trees that is his native Antigua. Photograph: Graham Morris

Everybody on Antigua knows Leo Gore and everybody says the same thing about him. If cricket had been not been so dominated by the bigger islands in the early days, he would have been the first Antiguan to play for West Indies. Long before Andy Roberts and Viv Richards.

Gore, 77, with a crop of grey hair and a lively memory, is happy to accept the accolade without, for one moment, countenancing any suggestion that he was born at the wrong time. Cricket has become too nationalistic and too serious for his liking. He preferred his own age when pleasure was the inspiration, not profit.

"At school, you were not just taught about cricket, but about life through cricket," he said. "If you didn't like an umpire's decision, you maybe threw your bat across the dressing-room and swore a bit, but you accepted it on the field. The phrase 'it's not cricket' meant something then. I'm not sure it applies any more."

Though of Scottish descent, Gore's vision of the game is lifted straight from the pages of *England, Their England*, a world of village greens, country pubs and camaraderie. He captained Antigua in the early Fifties and used four fast bowlers in his side long before Clive Lloyd, but not to intimidate. Antigua never did produce many spin bowlers.

Gore's only regret is that he did not have the chance to play one-day cricket. But Test cricket? Not any more. "I can't stand all that poking around. If a batsman plays out two maiden overs, he should be out or deducted ten runs. It's too damned glorious a game to be spoilt by poking." He gestures to a signed picture of Viv Richards on his office wall. "He's not a poker." Nor was Denis Compton, Gore's all-time hero. Neither can you imagine Leo Gore being much of a poker, not with those mighty forearms and hands that earned him his nickname, "Shovel".

He was brought up to be a fast bowler, like all good Antiguans, but he developed into a ferocious middle-order batsman and a flawless close catcher. "You know, I only ever saw one slip fielder who was my equal, Wally Hammond," he said with a confidence that sweeps aside the Chappell brothers, Botham, Cowdrey and other rivals.

Just after the Second World War, while serving with the Canadian air force, Gore was stationed in Weybridge during the prime years of his cricketing life. "Sunday cricket in England. That was my favourite. The friendship was beautiful and we had such a lot of fun," he recalled.

Despite his strong affection for British traditions and his implicit criticism of a modern game dominated by West Indies over the past two decades, Gore is passionately proud of Antigua's cricketing heritage. He has played his part in developing it, too, bringing Andy Roberts from the village of Urlings to St John's for coaching, managing a Young West Indian touring team, which included Richie Richardson, to England, and encouraging his son, Hugh, who had brief spells with Kent and Somerset and now manages the Leeward Islands side.

Gore bought Roberts his first pair of cricket boots. This summer, the West Indies Test side could contain four Antiguans: Richardson, Curtly Ambrose and Winston and Kenny Benjamin.

"Just imagine that. Not long ago the selectors would not even have bothered with us; now we are the backbone of the team. That gives the people here great pride. The standard of our cricket is very high and most of the young players want to bowl fast. We are an island of fast bowlers."

The danger for West Indies, Gore believes, is that they have played too much cricket over the past 18 months. "They are losing the edge. Curtly is in trouble because he's been bowling too much. I don't care how much you love the game, after a while you get stale." England will hope he is right. But Gore himself is not so concerned about the outcome. "I just want to see some good competitive cricket. You know, no poking around."

Just the tonic for women rowers

THE Oxford and Cambridge women's Boat Race crews are not quite the poor relations they were (Mike Rosewell writes). Beefeater Gin, which is in the middle of a three-year package worth £1 million with the men's crews, is going to extend its support to the women rowers this year. The announcement yesterday means that each crew will receive £5,000 towards preparation for the women's Boat Race at Henley on March 20.

Patrick Burke, the managing director of Beefeater, said: "It was natural for us to offer support, although the men's Boat Race will continue to form the main focus of our sponsorship activity." The women's presidents, Kirsty Gill, of Cambridge, and Alison Palmer, of Oxford, welcomed Burke's intention that the women's Boat Race, being contested for the 49th time, should have a high profile.

WOMEN'S CREWS: Oxford: Bow: A Palmer (New College), 2, S Hughes (Oriel), 3, E Haynes (Merton), 4, E Jowitt (Trinity), 5, L Callaghan (Lincoln), 6, L Eyres (Exeter), 7, L Bannon (Balliol), Stroke, E Ayling (Somerville), Cox: To be decided. Cambridge: Bow: R Gordon (Jesus), 2, M Hunter (Emmanuel), 3, A Mowbray (Caius), 4, L Page (St Catherine's), 5, A Rowland (Homerton), 6, J Mara (Pembroke), 7, K Gill (King's), Stroke: A Moore (St John's), Cox: K Baker (Robinson).

Mason competes in US

BOXING: Gary Mason, the former British heavyweight champion, who has been out of the ring for 35 months, is back in action on Saturday (Srikumar Sen writes). Mason does not have a British Boxing Board of Control (BBBC) licence but will be boxing Kimmuel Oduro, of the United States, an overweight journeyman against whom Mason should have little trouble, in Grand Forks, North Dakota, under licence of the Virginia Athletic Commission. Mason, 31, who retired because of retina injuries to both eyes that worsened after his seventh-round defeat by Lennox Lewis in his latest contest, said yesterday that he intended to apply to the British board after a couple of contests in the United States.

"I consider that I am taking no more risk this time than I did the very first time I stepped into the ring," Mason said. His manager, Aaron Paul Stone, a nightclub owner, said that Mason had been passed fit by two American doctors.

Auriol's hopes dashed

MOTOR RALLYING: Didier Auriol pulled out of the Monte-Carlo rally with gearbox trouble yesterday after he had established a 20-second lead. The Frenchman, who has won the rally three times, went off the road in his Toyota Celica shortly after the start of the fifth stage at St Bonnet le Froid. The French driver had criticised the course after the third stage, describing it as "much too dangerous" and "like a skating rink". François Delecour took the lead after his compatriot's withdrawal. Colin McRae, of Great Britain, lost more than an hour after sliding off on the third stage and crashing into Armin Schwarz, of Germany.

Kings in dates clash

BASKETBALL: Guildford Kings and Worthing Bears, paired in yesterday's draw for the national cup semi-finals next month, will almost certainly have to agree on a change of dates. Guildford, the cup holders, face European championship visits to Barcelona on February 10 and Real Madrid on February 17, which will take priority over the scheduled February 9 and February 16 dates set aside for the semi-finals. Manchester Giants and Thames Valley Tigers have no date problems in the other semi-final. The finals of the men's and women's national cups and the men's national trophy will be in Sheffield on March 5.

Syed returns to roots

TABLE TENNIS: Matthew Syed, the Oxford University *student who has taken a year off studying politics at Balliol* College to concentrate on international matches, returns to his father's birthplace of Hyderabad, India, in his attempt to win medals in the Commonwealth championships starting today. Syed is a contender for the men's singles title and believes the England men have a chance to win the gold medal in the team event, even though Johnny Huang, of Canada, the world No 14, appears to be the outstanding player in the tournament. "To win a medal where my father came from would be special," Syed said.

O'Sullivan sweeps on



SNOOKER: Ronnie O'Sullivan, right, completed his second whitewash in successive days to reach the final qualifying round of the Klosters Thailand Open in Blackpool yesterday. The UK champion, 18, followed his 5-0 whitewash of Nick Smith in the previous round by taking 57 minutes to beat Andrew Cairns, of Blackpool, by the same score. He will play Gary Wilkinson tomorrow.

Murray penalised

EQUESTRIANISM: Lucinda Murray, the international three-day event rider, has been disqualified from the *Le Lions-d'Angers* event that took place in France last October, in which she finished sixth, and she has been fined SwFr1,000 (about £450) after her horse, Lovell Lass, tested positive for Trocaine, a substance prohibited under the rules of the International Equestrian Federation (FEI). Murray, a former winner of the Blenheim three-day event, said the horse, owned by Mr and Mrs Rodney Ward, had been on *antibiotics* a week before the competition but she was unaware that Trocaine was present in the antibiotics.

Neath have to travel to Ystradgynlais

YSTRADGYNLAIS'S romance with the Swalec Cup continued when they were handed another prize home fixture in the sixth-round draw yesterday. The Swansea Valley side, having defeated Newport from the first division, 10-9, at the weekend, will host Neath on February 26.

"A home draw is what we want and we won't fear anybody," Kevin Williams, the Ystradgynlais coach, said before the draw. Afterwards, he was a little less sure. "We are pleased to be at home and I just hope we can do as well against Neath as Abercynon did in the last round," he said.

Neath were lucky to survive at Abercynon, where Paul Thorburn kicked 14 points to see them through to a 19-12 win, and they will not be relishing another away game against a club near the top of the third division table. The teams have not met in the cup. Neither have Pontypridd and Swansea, the sides drawn in the outstanding tie of the round. On November 6 the All Whites won 25-15 at Sardis Road, and are the last team to have won there this season, but with Neil Jenkins, the Welsh stand-off half, inspiring Pontypridd, Swansea will probably start as underdogs.

Cardiff and Bridgend meet for the sixth time in the competition, with Rob Howley, the Bridgend scrum half, poised to make a quick return to the Arms Park following his recent about-turn transfer between the clubs.

Maesteg Celtic, the only non-league survivors, will have home advantage over South Wales Police, from the second division.

SIXTH-ROUND DRAW: Cardiff v Bridgend; Maesteg v Bonymaen; Tenby United v Narberth; Ystradgynlais v Neath; Pontypridd v Swansea; Llanelli v Llandovery; Maesteg Celtic v South Wales Police; Dunvant v Newbridge.
☐ *Matches to be played on February 26*

Luck of draw eludes northern clubs

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE North has had cause at times to feel marginalised by England's rugby union selection process but fate dealt its clubs another poor hand when the draw for the quarter-finals of the Pilkington Cup was made at Twickenham yesterday. With each division having two representatives left, the Northern pair, Orrell and Sale, must travel on February 26.

The sponsors will rejoice though: Ian Beer, the Rugby Football Union president, kept the big guns apart so that Bath, the perennial favourites, Leicester, the holders, and Harlequins all face second-division opponents, and of that trio, only Bath will be away, to Saracens at Southgate.

Sale, whose previous ties this season have been away, at Rugby and Otley respectively, visit the home-loving Harlequins at the Stoop Memorial Ground. But Sale will lose nothing by playing the all-round game that has hoisted them to second place in the second division.

Only Bath and Leicester, twice each, have beaten Harlequins in the cup over the past seven years. They have played Sale in only one previous cup-tie, in 1983, when the Harlequins won by four points.

Four years ago at Southgate, Bath lost 9-7 and with it the league title. As compensation their eyes lighted on Ben Clarke, then an unknown No 8, now better known for his achievements with Bath, England and the British Isles.

Clarke and his colleagues scrambled a less-than-confident league win by 19-13 last season, when Saracens were relegated, and will expect nothing less than a hard-working display from the Londoners, on and off the field: "I spent 60 hours at the ground preparing for their league visit last season," Bill Edwards, the Saracens press officer, said, "and we managed to pack about 4,000 in."

Some Bath supporters were so impressed with their hosts that a shoal of congratulatory letters arrived at Southgate. Having built up a side that is challenging for promotion from the second division — including yet another distinguished back row of John Green, Barry Crawley and Richard Hill — Saracens will not be overawed. Hill is one of nine West London Institute players on the club's books.

The rivalry between Leicester and Moseley goes back to 1880-81, the season of Leicester's founding, and even during the years of Tigers' ascendancy they have been known to trip up. Leicester have won two and lost two of the four cup-ties between them, victories including the 1979 final.

The only all-first division tie takes Orrell to Kingsholm where they have yet to play in the league.

At the other end of the playing scale, but with a final at Twickenham on May 7 also the target, the eight clubs remaining from the original 512 in the Pilkington Shield will be involved in their quarter-finals, too, on February 26. Having conceded a commanding position in a semi-final last season, Kidderminster Carolians, who play league rugby in North Midlands 1, face a potentially hazardous trip to Keswick, from Cumbria, to reach that stage again.

Saracens v Bath
Gloucester v Orrell
Leicester v Moseley
Harlequins v Sale
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PILKINGTON SHIELD DRAW: North: Edwardian v Malvern; Keswick v Kidderminster Carolians. South: Hucclecote OB v Old Public Oaks, Old Cotshamians v Old Hamptonians

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to reason	Weather (5pm) °C	Last snow
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	25	85	varied	heavy slush	rain	3	24/1
Rain causing heavy, slushy conditions							
Obergurgl	65	115	good	fair good	snow	-3	24/1
Good prospects for fresh covering of snow							
Schladming	40	120	good	heavy slush	rain	3	14/1
Rain adversely affecting lower slopes							
Sölł	15	65	fair	heavy worn	cloud	4	17/1
Pistes softening by lunch							
St Anton	35	185	good	heavy poor	rain	2	24/1
New snow on and off piste							
FRANCE							
Alpe D'huez	120	210	good	varied good	fair	1	16/1
Cloud and wind making visibility poor							
Chamonix	50	315	good	good poor	snow	-1	24/1
Heavy cloud causing poor visibility							
Isola	180	280	good	heavy good	fine	0	18/1
Pistes remain good after careful grooming							
Tignes	140	300	good	varied good	snow	-8	24/1
Pistes benefiting from fresh snow							
Val Thorens	160	360	good	varied good	snow	-2	17/1
Visibility poor, though prospects excellent							
SWITZERLAND							
Arosa	75	80	good	crust fair	cloud	1	24/1
Lovely tree skiing available							
C Montana	45	180	good	varied fair	snow	1	24/1
Wet snow falling at lower levels							
Gstaad	20	80	fair	heavy slush	rain	-2	17/1
Rain below 1500m causing heavy conditions							
Klosters	30	125	good	varied good	cloud	-2	17/1
Good skiing on well maintained pistes							
Wengen	30	60	fair	powder slush	rain	2	24/1
Poor visibility on uncrowded pistes							

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (35038)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (89061767)
9.05 Kilroy. Studio discussion (s) (4070564) **9.45 Newshound** (s) (1237729)
10.00 News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (9435458) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (5584767)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine (s) (61294380)
12.15 Pebble Mill. The actor, Chazz Palminteri, talks about his role in *A Bronx Tale*, directed by Robert De Niro. (4851038) **12.55 Regional News** (Ceefax) and weather (67076038)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (46583)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (13092767)
1.50 XYZ. Alphabet quiz (13096583)
2.15 Columbo: Candidate for Crime. A political campaign manager is murdered and Peter Falk, as the scruffy detective, suspects a would-be senator (785800)
3.50 Teddy Trucks: Animation (2814309) **3.55 Sick as a Parrot.** Crossword puzzle (s) (7911187) **4.10 Jackanory: Ice Palace.** Michael Jayston reads the first part of *Ice Palace* by Robert Swindells (s) (1120274) **4.25 SuperTed** (r) (9799941) **4.35 Hangar 17.** (Ceefax) (s) (9026835)
5.00 Newsround (4755187) **5.10 Grange Hill.** The girls' drama group runs into problems (Ceefax) (s) (1153212)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (673212)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (941)
6.30 Regional news magazines (Ceefax) (293). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Holiday. Jill Dando learns to sail off the west coast of Scotland, Kathy Taylor visits Mexico while Margi Clarke cruises around the fjords of Norway on board the Canberra (Ceefax) (s) (1361)
7.30 EastEnders. Gita and Meena have a tense family reunion. (Ceefax) (s) (477)

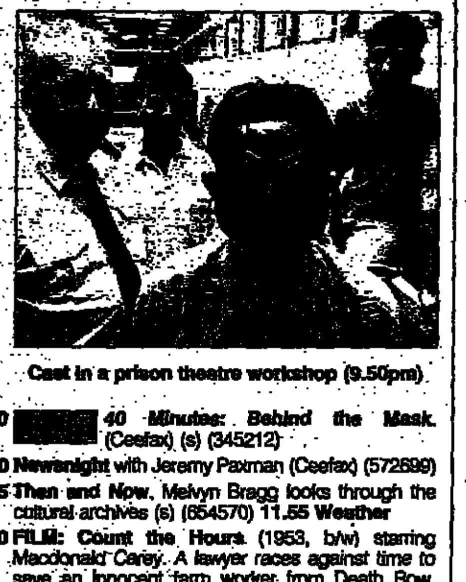


Presenters Lynam and Hull in action (8.00pm)

8.00 [CHOICE] **How Do They Do That?** with Desmond Lynam (242729)
8.45 Points of View with Anne Robinson (Ceefax) (s) (205941)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (4816)
9.30 All Quiet on the Preston Front. Comedy drama series about a group of Territorial Army soldiers (Ceefax) (s) (732699). **Wales:** Week In Week Out *10.00 All Quiet on the Preston Front 10.50 Living with the Enemy 11/20-12.50am Film: Badlands*
10.20 Living with the Enemy. The third programme in the series that examines the problems of adolescence from both sides of the age divide (498632)
10.50 FILM: Badlands (1973) starring Martin Sheen and Sissy Spacek as two teenage tearaways on the run in South Dakota in the 1950s after shooting her father. Directed by Terrence Malick (Ceefax) (5003212) **12.20am Weather** (8348775)
12.45 BBC Select: Executive Business Club (83369) **3.15 Select: Legal Network Television** (98152) Ends at **3.45**

BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax) (4723877)
8.15 Westminster Daily (9506941)
9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **1.20 Puppydog Tales** (74768125) **1.25 Just So Stories:** How the leopard got its spots (44597293) **1.35 Rupert the Bear** (98085767)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **You and Me** (62205729)
2.15 Milestones in Science and Engineering. The four-stroke engine (55133702)
2.30 See Hear! (r). (Ceefax) (s) (854)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster Live.** (Ceefax) (4761941) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7172748)
4.00 Today's the Day. Quiz presented by Martyn Lewis (s) (106)
4.30 People of the Valley. Welsh language soap with English subtitles (s) (390). **Wales:** The Lost Wilderness
5.00 Catchword. Word game (s) (9767)
5.30 Film 94 with Barry Norman (r) (670)
6.00 FILM: Bravados (1958). Superior western starring Gregory Peck as a man on the trail of four outlaws who killed his wife. Joan Collins provides the romantic interest. Directed by Henry King (60003458)
7.35 Animation Now. *Time Out* (r) (427908)
7.45 Assignment. John Silverman looks at the spread of *the Yardies, drug-dealing gangs from the slums of* Kingston, Jamaica, who have spread to New York and Britain. American police describe them as the most ruthless and vicious criminal organisation in the world (382372)
8.30 Food and Drink. Includes the recipe for chocolate fudge brownies (s) (4458)
9.00 Quantum Leap. Science fiction series. Sam leaps *into the body of Max Stoddard, a firm believer in* flying saucers. (Ceefax) (s) (466903)

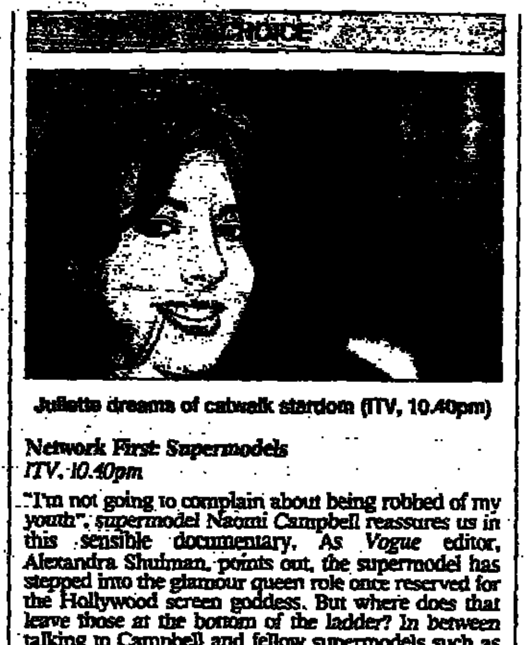


Cast in a prison theatre workshop (9.50pm)

9.50 [CHOICE] ***40 Minutes:* Behind the Mask.** (Ceefax) (s) (345212)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman (Ceefax) (572699)
11.15 Then and Now. Melvyn Bragg looks through the cultural archives (s) (654570) **11.55 Weather**
12.00 FILM: Count the Hours (1953, b/w) starring Macdonald Carey. A lawyer races against time to save an innocent farm worker from Death Row. Directd by Don Siegel. (5710794) Ends at **1.20**
12.00 Nightschool TV: History – Medicine Through Time (58201) Ends at **4.00**.

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CHOICE



Juliette dreams of catwalk stardom (ITV, 10.40pm)

Network First: Supermodels
ITV, 10.40pm

"I'm not going to complain about being robbed of my youth", supermodel Naomi Campbell reassures us in this sensible documentary. As *Vogue* editor, Alexandra Shulman, points out, the supermodel has stepped into the glamour queen role once reserved for the Hollywood screen goddess. But where does that leave those at the bottom of the ladder? In between talking to Campbell and fellow supermodels such as Christy Turlington, the programme follows the fortunes of young models just starting out. Dark-haired Juliette is shown lugging her small portfolio on an endless trail of different magazines, while Sophie, too curvaceous to be called a waif, makes a trip to Paris where she has to look pleased as her super-thin friend Tania Court strides out onto the catwalk.

Undercover Britain: Living in Fear
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The hidden camera comes in especially handy in this revealing programme exposing the nastier habits of some of Britain's shadiest landlords. Narrator, Martin Lee, a Tenancy Relations Officer with Manchester City Council, takes us on his daily – and nightly – rounds as he meets disgruntled tenants and some abusive landlords. "Over the years we have been confronted *with knives, baseball bats, your name it", he says.* Frustratingly, it is not always easy to make accusations against bad landlords stick. When a single mother complains that she is being sexually harassed, the hidden camera is able to film her landlord propositioning her. Lee *points out that knowledge is* the best form of defence. "Most tenants have no idea of their rights", he laments.

40 Minutes: Behind the Mask
BBC2, 9.50pm

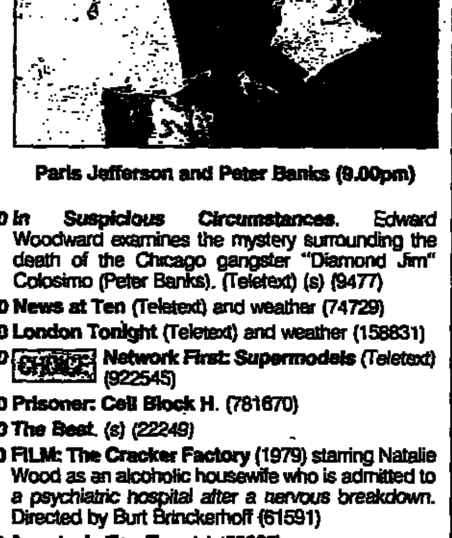
For the prisoners of Risley Prison, a week-long theatre workshop offers an unexpected taste of freedom. "You can do anything you like with this mask on your face", explains the visiting Geese Theatre. With their *expressions hidden, the* men join in games, improvisation and discussions, often revealing their innermost thoughts in the process. The prisoners are all serving long sentences for crimes ranging from armed robbery to rape, but the theatre work brings out *their vulnerability. "I think deep, deep down, there's* just a little afraid child in me", says one convict. While the games certainly act as therapy, it is hard to see how they can build into entertainment. The greatest surprise comes at the end when we see extracts from *the witty, truthful play they have managed to create.*

How Do They Do That?
BBC1, 8.00pm

Sports commentator Desmond Lynam fancies himself as a bit of an action man. This is why he jumps out of a helicopter and apparently crashes through the roof of BBC Television Centre. Tonight's show, the first in a *new series, also reveals how he did it. Alongside* co-presenter Jenny Hull, Lynam presides over a bitty format which annoyingly asks "and how do they do *that*" every two seconds. The result is a hotchpotch of items ranging from the trivial (how tiny babies dance together *in an advert) to the serious (the Lockerbie* bombing investigation). **Stephanie Billen**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (497941)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw. Quiz show (6527816)
9.55 London Today (Teletext) and weather (5560187)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place. (s) (7842496)
10.35 This Morning. (61295019) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2005309)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (1013854)
***12.55 Emmerdale** (r). (Teletext) (1098545)*
1.25 Home and Away. Tug protects Bobby in Greg's absence and sparks fly (Teletext) (96700926)
1.55 It's a Vet's Life. Features a look at a woman who looks after farm animals and a vet who tackles thyroid problems in cats (Teletext) (26667748)
2.25 A Country Practice. Drama serial set in an Australian country town (87994212)
2.50 The Young Doctors. Drama serial set in Australian hospital (3201038)
3.20 News (Teletext) regional news and weather (7901496) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7900767)
3.30 Children's ITV: Rainbow (7936496) **3.40 Tots TV** (7163090) **3.50 Twinkle, the Dream Being** (7169274) **4.00 Budgie the Little Helicopter** (1124090) **4.15 Hurricanes.** Animation (s) (2072090) **4.40 The Tomorrow People.** Drama series about time travellers (Teletext) (7722651)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (5196651)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (914106)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (59354)
7.00 Emmerdale. The community struggles to face the future (Teletext) (3729)
7.30 Beam and Da Silva. An investigation of those who resist official efforts to crack down on illegal sex establishments in Soho (545)
8.00 The Bill. A crack dealer is murdered and Ch Insp Conway has to protect a witness (Teletext) (2477)
8.30 Special Babies. A woman weighing 27 stones has *complications in labour and urgent action is needed* to save the baby (Teletext) (s) (4212)



Paris Jefferson and Peter Banks (9.00pm)

9.00 In Suspicious Circumstances. Edward Woodward examines the mystery surrounding the death of the Chicago gangster "Diamond Jim" Colosimo (Peter Banks). (Teletext) (s) (9477)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (74729)
10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (158831)
10.40 [CHOICE] **Network First: Supermodels** (Teletext) (922545)
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. (781670)
12.30 The Beat. (s) (22249)
1.30 FILM: The Cracker Factory (1979) starring Natalie Wood as an alcoholic housewife who is admitted to a psychiatric hospital after a nervous breakdown. Directed by Burt Brinckerhoff (61591)
3.30 America's Top Ten. (s) (55065)
***4.00 The Little Picture Show** (r) (94201)*
5.00 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (79510)
5.30 ITN Morning News (52794). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Starcom (r) (5363699)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (36106)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Quiz show (r) (s) (84106)
9.30 Schools: Eureka! Discovering Japan 1258212) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen: How to Find Out (1253767) **10.00** Fourways Farm (9442748) **10.10** Living with Technology (3298090) **10.27** Timelines (3626187) **10.44** Good Health (8678835) **11.00** Science in Focus: Exemplars (3269380) **11.22** Stage One: Life and Living (6712729) **11.40** How We Used to Live: Expansion, Trade and Industry (5089748)
12.00 House to House. Maya Even presents the latest news from Westminster (97670)
12.30 Sesame Street with the singer, Bobby McFerrin (53941) **1.30 Alfred J Kwak** (r) (20496)
2.00 FILM: Heart's Desire (1935, b/w). Musical starring the Austrian tenor, Richard Tauber, who plays a Viennese singer with a complicated love life. Directed by Paul Stein (5314670)
3.25 FILM: Les Bicyclettes de Belsize (1969). Short film about love, a picture of a model and Belsize Park. Directed by Douglas Hickox in tribute to Jacques Demy's 1964 classic, *Les Parapluies de Cherbourg* (1640729)
3.55 A Brush With Art. Alwyn Crawshaw explains the importance of paper in art and shows how texture can alter a painting (r). (Teletext) (4466632)
4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (458)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Oprah interviews three teenage criminals and tries to find out why they commit felonies (Teletext) (s) (4163903)
5.50 Laurel and Hardy. Animation (r) (646309)
6.00 Batman does battle with the Penguin (651)
6.30 Gamesmaster (903)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (184835) **7.50 Comment** (Teletext) (357583)
8.00 Grow Your Greens. Sophie Grigson looks at the onion family (r) (Teletext) (4449)
8.30 Wild Britain: The Truth About Mrs Tiggywinkle. A series about the challenges facing Britain's wildlife. Tonight, the hedgehog (r). (Teletext) (2854)



Exposing unscrupulous landlords (9.00pm)

9.00 Undercover Britain: Living in Fear. An investigation by Manchester's Tenancy Relations Team suggests Rachmanism is alive and well in *Britain's cities. (Teletext) (7534)*
9.30 Karachi Kops. A look at life for the overworked policemen in Pakistan's largest city. (Teletext) (43201)
10.00 And God Created Tenors. A look at the great singers from Lanza to Locke (45629)
10.30 FILM: *The Cook, the Thief, his Wife and her Lover* (1989). Explicit, but gripping tale in which Helen Mirren plays the abused wife of a ruthless gangster who has a torrid affair with a diner in her husband's restaurant. Directed by Peter Greenaway (Teletext) (s) (60630816)
12.50 Football Italia – Mezzanotte. Caglian v Genoa (2748065)
1.50 Live at Ronnie Scott's. A recording of Anita O'Day in 1986 (r) (8732423) Ends at **2.55**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **7.00** Steve Wright *9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Emma Freud* **2.00pm** Mark Goodier **4.00** Nicky Campbell *7.00 Evening Session* **9.00** The Story of Pop, by Alan Freeman (3/52) *10.00* Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy with the Early Show **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Paul Cola **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** We Stayed in with . . . Jungr and Parker **7.30** Hayes Over Britain **9.00** But Seriously, Folks: See Choice **10.00** American Greats: Chris Stuart talks to Bobby Vee **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Infant Science: See for Yourself; **9.10** Radio Number-time; **9.20** First Steps in Drama: **9.35** Wordplay; **9.45** Singing Together; **10.05** Time to Move **10.25** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** A Century Remembered: 1930-40 (r) **1.10** The Crunch **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** John Inverdale's Drive-In **6.30** Kiss Me Quick **7.15** The Sword in the Stone (7/10) **7.30** Football Plus: A Coca-Cola Cup quarter-final replay **10.10** Earshot with Steve McKenna **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** World News **6.10** British News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Europe Today. **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** New Ideas **7.50** And Then He Kissed Me **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Concert Hall **9.00** World News **9.05** World Business Report Special **9.15** Alexis Korner's Rhythm-'n'-Blues **9.30** On Screen **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Discovery **10.30** The Story of Western Music **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin: News in German *Noon* World News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Multitrack 1 **12.45** *Sports Roundup* **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: *Witchdoom* **2.45** *Sharp Talents* **3.00** News **3.15** A Jolly Good Show **4.00** News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell: News in German **5.00** News **5.05** World Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell: News in German **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.10** British News **10.15** Megamix **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Concert Hall **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Omnibus **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Science or Fiction? **1.45** Country Style **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** *Development '94* **3.00** News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Discovery **4.00** News **4.15** Waveguide **4.25** Book Choice

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Robert Booth **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Haydn (Oboe Concerto in C) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Margaret Howard **7.00** The Opera Guide **8.00** Evening Concert: Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 6 in B flat); Scarlatti (Sonata in B minor); Handel (Concerto Grosso in D, Op 6 No 5); Haydn (Cello Concerto in C); Mozart (Symphony No 41) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyte

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (5560187) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News and Weather (2005309) **1.55** A Country Practice (13080922) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (7900767) **5.10-5.40** Swot or Wot? (5196651) **5.40** Home and Away (902477) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather and Anglia News (318545) **7.30-8.00** Food Guide (545) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News and Weather (158831) **12.35am** Assassin (309626) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (9131607) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (8331133) **4.10** Jobfinder (2996341) **5.00-5.30** Videofashion (79510)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (5560187) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (2005309) **1.55** Shortland Street (13080922) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (3201038) **3.25-3.30** Central News (7900767) **5.10-5.40** Swot or Wot? (5196651) **8.00** Home and Away (902477) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (318545) **7.30-8.00** Heart of the Country (545) **10.30-10.40** Central News and Weather (158831) **11.40** The Equalizer (162496) **12.40am** Grapevine (8356794) **1.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (4708626) **1.40** The Big E (9025442) **2.30** Riviera (64713) **3.00** The Beat (4738317) **3.55** Night Shift (98657220) **4.05** Jobfinder (4269978) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (4579997)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (13080922) **6.00** HTV News (909) **6.30-7.00** Animal Country (361) **7.30-8.00** Good Health! (545) **12.35am** Assassin (309626) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (9131607) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (8331133) **4.10** Jobfinder (2996341) **5.00-5.30** Videofashion (79510)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.00-6.30 Wales at Six (309) **7.30-8.00** On the Road with Elinor (545)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (5560187) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (2005309) **1.55** A Country Practice (13080922) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (3201038) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (309) **6.30-7.00** Surprise Chefs (361) **7.30-8.00** Charlie Bravo (545) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (158831)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Tyne Tees News and Weather (5560187) **12.20pm** Tyne Tees News and Weather / Bisdale: Network North (2081729) **12.25-12.30** Lookaround (2900800) **1.55** A Country Practice (13080922) **3.15-3.20** Crusader Rabbit (7904583) **3.25-3.30** Tyne Tees News / Bisdale: Network North (7900767) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today / Network North (358638) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits (361) **7.30-8.00** Dales in Focus (545) **10.30-10.40** Tyne Tees News and Weather (158831) **11.40** [illegible] the Promise (774106) **1.25am** The Little Picture Show (4070794) **2.25** Sledge Hammer (6262794) **2.55** Sport AM (4146626) **3.55** Stage Three: Eat (2413862) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2478046)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.20pm-12.30 Westcountry Latest (2005309) *1.55 The Young Doctors* (26667748) **2.25-2.55** It's a Vet's Life (87965564) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry Latest (7900767) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (59354) **7.30-8.00** Roadrunner (545) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry Latest (158831) **12.30am** My Story (4798607) **12.35** Assassin (309626) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (9131607) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (8331133) **4.10** Jobfinder (2996341) **5.00-5.30** Videofashion (79510)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (5560187) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News and Weather / Bisdale: Network North (2005309) **1.55** A Country Practice (13080922) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News / Bisdale: Network North: (7900767) **5.55** Calendar / Network North: (358638) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits (361) **7.30-8.00** Love and War (545) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News and Weather (158831) **11.40** [illegible] the Promise (774106) **1.25am** The Little Picture Show (4070794) **2.25** Sledge Hammer (6262794) **2.55** Sport AM (4146626) **3.55** Stage Three: Eat (2413862) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2478046)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (36106) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (84106) **9.30** Ysgolion/schools (345729) **12.00pm** House To House (97670) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (21125) *1.00 The Wonder Years* Scenes From A Wedding 88 (39293) **1.30** Nature Perfected *Ancient Spirits: China And Japan* (20496) **2.00** The Late Late Show (10670) **3.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show Guns: The Problem Or The Solution (4763309) **3.50** Laurel And Hardy (7187816) **4.00** Slot 23 (4670) **5.00** Moviewatch (4835) **5.30** Countdown (598) **6.00** Newyddion/6 (176877) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (984106) **6.25** Heno (316187) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (4699) **7.30** Mjts Yn Y Stiis (187) **8.00** Shotolau (4449) **8.30** Newyddion/news (2854) **9.00** Cutting Edge. Graham Taylor: The ImpossibleJob (7019) **10.00** The Golden Girls The Auditr (45629) **10.30** Dim Tafod (22293) **11.30** Comics (36629816)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air: Moeran (Two Pieces for small orchestra); Mendelssohn (Song without Words, Op 53 No 2); Handel (Pena tiranne, Amadigi); Rimsky-Korsakov, transcr Rachmaninov (The Flight of the Bumble-Bee); Holst (Choral Hymns from the Rig Veda, Group 3, Op 26 No 3)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Josquin. The Medieval Ensemble of London performs Missa, Faysant Regretz, and other works
10.00 Musical Encounters. Mozart (Overture, Così fan tutte); Reinecke (Harp Concerto: Lily Laskine); **10.45** Howells (A Dirge, Sweetest of Sweets); Copland (In the Beginning); *11.20 Beethoven (Symphony* No 2 in D)
12.00 Music Restored: Cellists Susan Sheppard and Sebastian Comberti with John Toll, harpsichord, play Boccherini (Sonata No 11 in E flat; Duet in D, Op 10 No 3); Schetky (Harpsichord Sonata No 2; Duet in F); Lanzetti (Sonata in C, Op 2 No 1) (r)
1.00pm News 1.05 Czech Philharmonic Orchestra performs Martinů (Cello Concerto No 1: Michaela Fukacova); Debussy (La mer)
2.05 Chilingirian Quartet plays Beethoven (String Quartet in F minor, Op 95); Hugh Wood (String Quartet No 4) (r)
3.00 Book, Music and Lyrics: Robert Cushman presents famous flops (r)
3.45 Scottish Chamber Orchestra under Nicholas McGegan. J.C. Bach (Symphony in B flat, Op 18 No 2); Haydn (Cello Concerto in C, H VIIb 1: Steven Isserlis); Beethoven (Symphony No 1 in C)
5.00 The Music Machine: Chinese flautist Guo Yue takes Tommy Pearson on a musical journey
5.15 In Tune: Songs written by and inspired by Burns
7.30 Pebble Mill 1993/94: Michael Collins, clarinet, Gyorgy Pauk, violin, Ian Brown, piano. Stravinsky (Suite, The Soldier's Tale); Bartók (Rhapsody No 1); Berg (Four Pieces, Op 5); Debussy (Violin Sonata). **8.20** Benny Goodman's contribution to music outside jazz. Debussy (Première rapsodie); Berg (Adagio, Chamber Concerto); Bartók (Contrasts)
9.35 The Building Blocks of Science: Heaven and Earth, by 18th-century musician and astronomer William Herschel
9.55 Sound Carvings: The Feinstein Quartet plays Terry Riley (In C); John Buller (Poor Jenny); Piers Hellawell (Sound Carvings)
10.45 Night Waves, with Lisa Jardine
11.30 The BBC Orchestras: BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Gareth Jones performs Shostakovich (Symphony No 6 in B minor); Hindemith (Symphonic Metamorphosis of themes by Weber)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)
2.30-3.10 Night School Extra

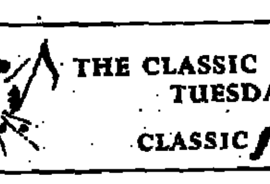
RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4444 from 8am
10.00-10.30 John Cole's English Journey (FM only): Lincoln. John Cole retraces J.B. Priestley's 1930s journey through England
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Luke
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray, incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Medicine Now, with Geoff Watts
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C. Potter: Basil Boothroyd's convoluted chronicle of an optimistic author (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: COD, by Moya O'Shea. The crew of an English cargo vessel spots a small open boat adrift. Their decision to stop or to go on will result in startling consequences
2.30 Mirrored in Music: Andrew Green invites the Danish conductor Michael Schoenwandt to choose music which reflects the spirit and character of the Nordic countries
3.00-4.00 News; Prime Minister's Questions (LW only), live from Westminster
3.00 News; Ad Lib (FM only) at Billingsgate (r)
3.30 The Parts (FM only), with Alun Lewis (r)
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope investigates the history of radio panel games
4.45 Short Story: *All Strapped In,* by Sue Thomas. Read by Janet Dale
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast *5.55 Weather*
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The House, by Christopher Lee. Third of a six-part drama of political intrigue (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: Jenny Cuffe reports on a new civil rights agenda emerging in the United States
8.00 Science Now *(r)*
8.30 Skeletons in the Closet: See Choice
8.45 In Touch with Peter White
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Max Easterman
10.45 Book at Bedtime: A Better Class of Person. Peter Egan reads from the first volume of John Osborne's autobiography (7/10)
11.00 Mediumwave, with Joanna Coles (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

But Seriously, Folks. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*
Not all the protest songs in this compilation are as overtly bitter as Billie Holiday's lynching lament "Strange Fruit" ("black bodies *swinging in the southern breeze; bulging eyes and twisted mouths"),* or as politically unambiguous as Paul McCartney's "Give Ireland Back to the Irish", or as mockingly propagandist as Noël Coward's "Don't Let's be Beastly to the Germans". But presenters Mel Hill and Julie Covington have talked me into re-examining even mainstream protest songs such as Tina Turner's "Private Dancer" for unsuspected nuances. In their linking comments, Covington, unlike Hill, sounds curiously disengaged.

Skeletons in the Closet. *Radio 4, 8.30pm.*
Can the rest of these programmes about dark family secrets be as uncompromisingly frank, and tearful, as the first? *It seems unlikely,* but time will tell. Listening to Gabriella's story made me feel a bit of a voyeur. *She describes, in intimate detail, her near-seduction by the* Catholic priest whom she believed was a family friend. He was, in fact, the father she had been told was dead. **Peter Davalle**



THE CLASSIC OPERA GUIDE.
TUESDAY 7PM.
CLASSIC FM 100-102

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (89785212) **8.40** Lamb Chops (7900125) **9.10** Cartoons (2615361) *9.30 Card Sharks* (45729) **9.55** Concentration (60699) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (6787274) **10.30** Love at First Sight (24748) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (79835) **12.00** Urban Peasant (35800) **12.30pm** Paradise Beach (49545) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (64800) **2.00** Hollywood Wives (58800) **3.00** Another World (6316699) **3.45** DJ Kat (2909106) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (2632) **6.00** Games World (8545) **6.30** Paradise Beach (2125) **7.00** M*A*S*H (3361) **7.30** Rescue (8309) **8.00** Unsolved Mysteries (63075) **9.00** Melrose Place (85361) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (95748) **11.00** The Untouchables (87800) **12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (19152) *1.00am Night Court* (43797) **1.30-2.00** Maniac Mansion (37607)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (60748) **9.30** Nightline (91309) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (40564) **11.30** Japan Business Today (73962) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (44380) **1.30** CBS News (52309) **2.30** Parliament Live (40854) **4.30** News and Business Report (8922) **5.00** Live at Five (537748) **7.30** Target (9651) **9.30** Talkback (50651) **11.30** CBS News (25816) **12.30am** ABC News (79171) **1.30** Target (16959) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (62775) **3.30** Talkback (87220) **4.30** Target (37930) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (83688)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (5127477)
10.00 Mara of the Wilderness (1965). *Adam West tries to tame a girl who was raised by wolves* (43361)
12.00 Genghis Khan *(1965): Omar Sharif plays the Mongol ruler* (29837039)
2.05pm A High Wind in Jamaica *(1965): Anthony Quinn's pirate ship is boarded by a mob of unruly children* (701293)
4.00 X-15 (1961). A look at the personal lives of pilots who fly a military space plane (7564)
6.00 Special Feature: Robin Williams (42632)
7.00 The Goonies (1985): Youngsters search for hidden treasure (89212)
9.00 Hot Shots! (1991): Charlie Sheen stars in this spoof of *Top Gun* (70941)
10.30 Defenseless *(1991). A lawyer (Barbara Hershey) is embroiled in a tangled murder mystery. With Sam Shepard* (35985835)
12.15am Johnny Be Good (1988). Comedy starring Anthony Michael Hall as a star football player (941591)
2.05 Cowboys Don't Cry (1987). A rodeo star tries to forge a relationship with his son after the death of his wife (845572)
4.00 Sibling Rivalry (1990): Jami Gertz goads Kirstie Alley into having a disastrous affair with Sam Elliott (83862). Ends at **5.25**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Scaramouche (1952). A French nobleman masquerades as an actor to avenge the death of his friend (77380)
8.00 Picnic (1955). William Holden steals Kim Novak from Cliff Robertson (89125)
10.00 The Long Good Friday (1980) British gangster movie with Bob Hoskins as a crooked developer who takes on a gang of terrorists (48380). Ends at **11.55**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Kings Go Forth (1958, b/w): *American GIs Frank Sinatra and Tony Curtis fall in love with Natalie Wood* (82187)
8.00 Snow White in Happily Ever After (1987) Fairy-tale fantasy adventure (43922)
10.00 The Pigeon That Took Rome (1962): Charlton Heston smuggles messages out of Nazi-occupied Rome (41903)
12.00 Sweet Smell of Success (1957, b/w): Comedy-drama starring Burt Lancaster as a newspaper columnist (33545)
2.00pm King Richard and the Crusaders (1954): Historical adventure (13570)
4.00 Snow White in Happily Ever After (as 8am) (2799187)
5.20 Little Heroes: Children's drama about a girl's heroic rescue (87893038)
7.00 O Pioneers! (1992): Jessica Lange plays a Swedish immigrant (87854)
9.00 The Gladiator (1992): James Marshall joins an illegal boxing circuit (23334651)
10.45 Double Impact (1991): Jean-Claude Van Damme plays twins who take revenge on their parents' murderers (45796941)
12.35am The Butcher's Wife (1991). *George Dzundza discovers that his new bride (Demi Moore) is clairvoyant* (943084) **2.20 The Hand** (1981): Michael Caine's *hand terrorises a neighbourhood* (284510) **4.05 Love Kills** (1991): A married woman *has an affair with a hitman. With Virginia Madsen* (442133). Ends at **5.30**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (4184583) *7.15 Prime Bodies* (209835) **7.45** Basketball (208106) *8.15 Soccer News* (6551212) **8.30** Tennis (2344019) **5.00pm** Field Hockey (1800) **6.00** *Soccer* (711212) *6.15 WWF Royal Rumble* (52957545) **9.00** The Football Show (29729) **10.00** Soccer News (212767) **10.15-1.00am** Australian Open Tennis (24384545)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (15651) *8.00 Figure* Skating (89748) **10.00** Luge (11835) **11.00** Biathlon (31699) **12.00** *Eurogoals* (82583) **1.00pm** Stock Car Racing (48903) **2.00** Figure Skating (81496) **3.30** Eurofun (6729) **4.00** American Football (15926) **5.30** Eurogoals (62941) **6.30** News (9293) **7.00** Eurotennis (16380) **9.00** Boxing (47125) **10.00** Snooker (31962) **12.00** News (15201)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (1165274) **7.30** *Neighbours* (1185309) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7007090) **8.30** EastEnders (7006361) **9.00** The Bill (7020941) **9.30** Driving Ambition (8208293) **10.30** Wings (6643748) **11.30** The Sullivans (7189106) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7017477) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9392922) **1.00** EastEnders (1165545) **1.30** The Bill (9391293) **2.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (5943816) **2.30** Brush Strokes (1221583) *3.00 Dallas* (7193922) **4.00** The Colbys (7739600) **4.55** Blankety Blank (57575212) *5.25 Give Us a Clue* (62143293) **5.55** Sykes (1240699) **6.30** *EastEnders* (1213564) *7.00 Driving Ambition* (3615670) **8.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (5956380) **8.30** Brush Strokes (5942187) **9.00** Wings (3611854) **10.00** The Bill (7018106) **10.30** Carrott Confidential (7027854) **11.00** Top of the Pops (6488835) **11.45** Dr Who (5707699) **12.15am** FILM: Fury (1936, b/w): Spencer Tracy is pursued by a lynch mob (3487274) **1.50** Video Bites (63213775) **2.15-7.00** Shopping (71653387)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Ratkan II (84854) **6.30** Bobobobs (86106) **7.00** Bears Island (3227800) **7.20** Dogtanian (841835) **7.45** Pugwall (840106) *8.15 Head to Head* (8296816) *8.30 Teddy* Ruxpin (86699) **9.00** Drobes Time (89835) *11.00 RatKan II* (57038) *11.30 Bobobobs* (58767) **12.00** Bears Island (8381835) *12.20pm Dogtanian* (453106) *12.45 Pugwall* (462477) **1.15** Head to Head (55470748) *1.30 Teddy Ruxpin* (50011) **2.00** Madeline (4651) **2.30** Cupido (1014038) **2.45** Baber (475941) *3.15 RatKan II* (8977496) **3.20** Baby Follies (6996361) **3.40** Rude Dog (4319293) **3.55** Head to Head (8025748) **4.00** Beakman's World (3274) **4.30-5.00** T-Rex (9458)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Dawn Patrol (46390) **7.30** Guts (28125) **8.00** Rugrats (29380) **8.30** Fraggle Rock (28651) **9.00** Out of Control (19503) **9.30** Kablooey (52105) **10.00** Wisdom of the Gnomes (95309) **10.30** We All Have Tales (16187) **11.00** Cartoons (31980) **11.30** Wild Side (14309) **12.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (39767) **12.30pm** David the Gnome (59922) **1.00** Storytime (98831) **1.30** Eureeka (96767) **2.30** Fraggle Rock (7458) **3.00** Cartoon Special (1090) **3.30** Speed Racer (2903) **4.00** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (1038) **4.30** Get the Picture (7962) **5.00** Clarissa (3835) **5.30** Guts (1274) **6.00** Rugrats (8187) **6.30** The Monkees (2767)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm The Global Family (1210477) **4.30** *The Coral Reef* (1209361) **5.00** *Going Places* (7126564) **5.55** Only in Hollywood (6099458) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (1028729) *7.00 Durrell in Russia* (5945274) **7.30** Bush Tucker Man (1200090) **8.00** *The Stars* (5954922) **8.30** Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious World (5940729) **9.00** Wings (3619496) **10.00** Disappearing Worlds (3612583) **11.00** The Deep Probe Expeditions (1173564)

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12.00 Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (7002545) **12.30pm** FILM: All Over Town (1937, b/w): Two vaudeville entertainers save a theatre from closure (83355458) **1.45** FILM: *An American in Paris* (1951): Starring Gene Kelly (3738545) **3.45** Art Linkletter (14110922) **4.00** The Flying Nun (1207903) **4.30** My Three Sons (1203187) **5.00** The Beverly Hillbillies (5952564) **5.30** Donny and Marie (1227767) **6.00** The Invisible Man (1217380) **6.30** Torchy (1208632) **7.00** The Partridge Family (3617038) **8.00** FILM: The Breaking of Bumbo (1970): A soldier is attracted to a pacifist. With Joanna Lumley (59825293) **9.45** An Evening Alone (4813106) **10.00** FILM: Don't Ever Leave Me (1949, b/w): Kidnapped teenager Petula Clark falls for her abductor (1827651) **11.30-12.00** The Twilight Zone (4245336)

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FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm The Wonder Years (5903) **5.30** Black Stallion (3038) **6.00** Where I Live (3851) **6.30** Family Catchphrase (4903) **7.00** The Pyramid Game (5787) **7.30** All Clued Up (4877) **8.00** Cats Eyes (81583) **9.00** Lou Grant (78019) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (58816) *10.30 Evening Shade* (87564) *11.00* Remington Steele (25125) **12.00-1.00am** The Big Valley (95510)

MTV
6.00am Wild Side (293187) **9.00** VJ Ingo (320545) **11.30** *The Pulse* (50125) **12.00** Greatest Hits (95835) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (795926) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (4322767) **3.45** At the Movies (4310922) **4.00** News (7559670) **4.15** 3 from 1 (7549293) **4.30** Dial MTV (1816) **5.00** Soul (7361) **5.30** Music Non-Stop (31293) **7.00** Famous Last Words (7125) **7.30** Metallica Rockumentary (2545) **8.00** Guns 'n' Metallica (3545) **8.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (5380) **9.00** Greatest Hits (70477) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (749552) **10.15** At the Movies (799057) **10.30** News (853651) **10.45** 3 from 1 (858106) **11.00** Hit List UK (15477) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (88930) **2.00-6.00** Night Videos (9958171)

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6.00am Persian Dawn (35090) **7.00** Regional News (83913) **7.30** Asian Morning (22038) **8.00** Hindi News (74854) **8.30** Urdu News (1578854) **8.45** English News (1573309) **9.00** Serial (84800) **10.00** Punjabi FILM (942941) **1.00pm** Serial (33354) **1.30** Hindi FILM (836816) **4.30** Kiddie Time (9212) **5.00-6.00** Your Dedications (1564) **7.00** Issi Bahane (3699) **7.30** Newstrack (1651) **8.00** English News (400309) **8.15** Hindi FILM: 100 Days (39037545) **11.15** Serial (617361) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (2763423) **1.35-6.00** Sight and Sound (37282775)

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7.00pm The Painted Veil (1934, b/w): A woman joins her doctor husband in China. Starring Greta Garbo (11765106)
8.35 Of Human Bondage (1964). Biopic of the life of writer Somerset Maugham, based on his novel of the same name (75999516)
10.25 The Seventh Sin (1957, b/w). Remake of *The Painted Veil* (see 7pm) with Eleanor Parker, Bill Travers (22457477)
12.05am Of Human Bondage (as 8.35pm) (36188065)
1.55 Isle of Fury (1936, b/w): Humphrey Bogart flees to the South Pacific (24818591)
3.05 The Unfaithful (1947, b/w): A socialite murders a man while her husband is out of town (72539713) Ends at **4.50**

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Caddick cheers England

Ambrose gives West Indies early warning

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE IN ANTIGUA

IF rumours of Curtly Ambrose's imminent retirement had filtered through to the England dressing-room yesterday, they were wisely ignored as part of the psychological banter much favoured in these parts in the build-up to a Test series.

Depending on whom you believe, Ambrose is on his last legs and about to return to his home village of Swetes in Antigua to rest for the remainder of his life or is merely nursing his strength in readiness for an all-out assault on Atherton's men.

Either way, the giant shadow of the world's most feared fast bowler is already beginning to spread over the series. Despite protestations by the West Indies captain, Richie Richardson, that Ambrose is not the only match-winner in the side, he is the one bowler on either side capable of dominating the series.

According to the man himself, reported in a Trinidad newspaper, too much cricket over the past 18 months has left him stale and tired at the age of just 30. "I won't be playing much longer," he said. "I'm getting tired of playing cricket, cricket all the time." It sounded like a verse from a new downbeat calypso. The bell tolled by Ambrose's mother every time her son takes a wicket might be silent by the end of the year.

Ambrose has had a gruelling schedule over the past 18 months, touring Australia, South Africa, India and Sri Lanka in addition to a home series against Pakistan and a summer of county cricket with Northamptonshire. Clearly, constant travelling and up to 59 days of international cricket — seven Tests and 24 one-day internationals — in 1993 have taken their toll on both Ambrose and Richardson, who is planning to return this weekend after a month's rest.

England will not believe a word about Ambrose's demise until they see it with their own eyes and feel calmer in their stomachs next month. Little they produced in their first session in the field yesterday altered the opinion that Malcolm and Fraser will be the mainstay of the England attack for the Test series as they were so courageously four years ago. In their absence, Igglesden looked a yard short of an ideal pace for these conditions and Watkin was unable to bowl because of a back spasm, brought on, apparently, by the unaccustomed strain of batting for over two hours.



Caddick: application

Caddick was the one who caught the eye with bat and ball. After steering England past 400 in the morning, he produced a genuinely hostile spell in mid-afternoon, removing the ebullient Joseph's off stump and yorking Waldron in classic Caribbean style. Much to his dismay, he also had a strong appeal for a catch behind turned down off the last ball before tea on the second day, which the Antigua XI reached at 114 for three.

Igglesden's first nine overs of the tour cost 47 runs, the last of them going for 16 as Joseph cracked three successive fours. The Kent fast bowler did at least make an early breakthrough, Smith taking an excellent low catch at cover to remove Warner.

If Lewis does not fulfil his all-round potential over the next two months, Caddick could yet return from the West Indies as a decent alternative. At present, he is in a twilight zone between tailender and all-rounder, but he gave a few of his colleagues a lesson in application last summer, batting for over nine hours in losing causes against the Australians.

Yesterday, though the bowling was friendlier and the circumstances less harassed, he again batted sensibly and calmly, mixing resolute, long-legged defence with fluent attack. In partnership with Watkin, who made a less stylish 45, he put on 103 for the seventh wicket before edging Anthony to the wicketkeeper.

Soon afterwards, England were all out for 419, a handsome enough total at this stage of the tour but disappointing after reaching 275 for one midway through the first day. With Watkin and Stewart both injured, Lewis made his first appearance, complete with floppy white hat to ward off the sun.

A team frustrated, page 42

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND: First Innings

*M A Atherton c and b Anthony	108
A J Stewart retired hurt	100
G P Thorpe lbw b Quinn	1
R A Smith b Simon	29
G A Hick c Anthony b Simon	10
N Hussain c C Joseph b Anthony	0
†R C Russell b Anthony	0
I D K Salisbury b Challenger	6
A R Caddick c C Joseph b Anthony	77
S L Watkin run out	45
A P Igglesden not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 5, nb 37)	43
Total	419

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-183, 2-275, 3-275, 4-275, 5-275, 6-290, 7-304, 8-407, 9-419

BOWLING: Quinn 20-2-98-1; Challenger 12-2-59-1; J Joseph 10-1-39-0; Smith 25-8-80-0; Simon 13-2-27-2; Anthony 31.1-4-130-4.

ANTIGUA XI: First Innings

E Waldron b Caddick	43
H Warner c Smith b Igglesden	14
D Joseph b Caddick	44
A Walsh not out	6
*M Simon not out	2
Extras	8
Total (3 wkts)	115

H A G Anthony, J Joseph, †C Joseph, V Smith, R Challenger and W Quinn to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-91, 3-113.

Umpires: C Mack and P White.

Washington powers through



MaliVai Washington concentrates on a powerful two-handed backhand on his way to a five-set victory over Mats Wilander at the Australian Open in Melbourne. Photograph: William West. Report, page 39

Venables remains England manager in waiting

BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

ON THE 62nd day of indecision since Graham Taylor resigned as England manager, the Football Association five-man selection sub-committee yesterday sat in the Midlands for 3½ hours. When it came out, it revealed only that it had agreed who the next manager would be: either Terry Venables or a caretaker.

It is three weeks since most members of the FA were told that the decision was final, and most believed even then that Venables was the only candidate. Only Venables, possibly his lawyer, and the FA chief executive, Graham Kelly, know whether they are meeting at Lancaster Gate this morning to go over a 2½-year contract that would ensure that, if embarrassing court cases arise concerning Venables, the FA will be safeguarded by a "get-out" clause.

Venables is the one man to have had a hearing before the full sub-committee and, among the five, the feelings of disquiet were felt mainly by Noel White, of Liverpool, and Ian Stott, of Oldham.

In addition, the FA was said to be waiting for the outcome of the Premier League enquiry into Tottenham Hotspur. During a five-hour meeting last Tuesday, the Tottenham chairman, Alan Sugar, did not repeat many of his accusations involving Venables, though he did make suggestions that the FA should drop charges against Tottenham if it was to clear Venables. There is talk of a possible charge of disrepute against Sugar.

Meanwhile, the FA is still expected to unveil Venables — or a caretaker — on Thursday. Rest assured, however, that the FA is thinking to the future. At Old Trafford yesterday, Alan Shearer, Tim Flowers and Paul Parker showed off a new change strip — dark red with a navy collar — designed for the European championship of 1996.

The marketing will no doubt be prompt and decisive. All England need now is a manager, a playing style and a selector to indicate whether the models will indeed be among the eleven chosen by the new coach, whoever he is.

Taylor on TV, page 40
Dutch in gloom, page 40

Weather upsets forecast of sprint into Auckland



Lawrie Smith, skipper of *Intrum Justitia*, on charting a course in the face of the unknown during the Whitbread Round the World race

SO MUCH for the third stage of the Whitbread Round the World Race being the sprint sector. What was envisaged as a 3,500-mile dash for the yachts between Fremantle and Auckland, skirting the Roaring Forty latitudes, was tranformed by the changing moods of the weather gods into a tactician's nightmare.

My heart goes out to Brad Butterworth and his crew aboard *Winston*, who made the most of a lucky break in the weather to gain a 150-mile lead over the fleet only to watch the leaders storm back over the top of them off Tasmania. The co-skipper, from New Zealand, must be kicking himself for not biting the bullet for a few hours to head northwards to cover our advance. Had he done so, there is little doubt in my mind that he would have finished up treating his co-skipper, Dennis Conner, to a Kiwi welcome that would have rivalled anything he has enjoyed within his own America's Cup circle.

On *Intrum Justitia*, we, too, had to pay a heavy price for one tactical flaw in an otherwise successful game-plan. We had purposely stayed north during the early stages to make the most of a high-pressure system that threatened to envelop those, such as *Winston*, that had strayed into its path. The problem for the fleet was it took almost a week to develop, by which time Butterworth and his crew were away.

Then we were blessed with two cold fronts that swept *Intrum* through to the front. Crossing the Tasman Sea, we stayed south of the great circle course up to Cape Reinga, New Zealand's northern cape, because that was where the wind was. The problem only came when we were beating line abreast with Ross Field's *Yamaha*, Chris Dickson's *Tokio*, the Spanish entry, *Galicia 93 Pescanova*, and *Winston*. It was then that the wind gods served us another high without posting any forecasts of the weather that was to assail us.

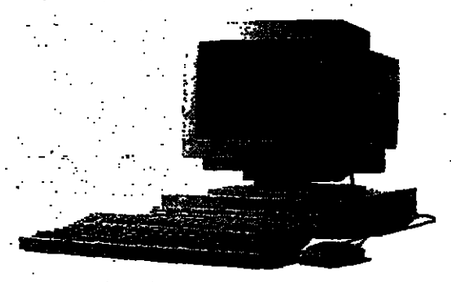
Winston, riding on the opposite side of the pack, was remarkably beaten in the swinging wind by *Tokio*, sailing up the middle, which pulled remorselessly away in the light conditions. For two days, Dickson and his crew were clearly faster than the rest of us, just as *Tokio* was when breaking clear of the doldrums midway through the first leg.

Our fifth place at the end of this leg came as a disappointment after winning the previous leg outright. The next leg, around Cape Horn, starting on February 19, promises to provide another close encounter.

□ Chris Dickson, who has posted protests against the Race Committee (for decreeing that he may not dismantle and stow the radar set on *Tokio's* mast) and *Winston* (for purportedly having special lightweight fittings on her mast), was forced to apologise yesterday on national television for belittling the performance of Grant Dalton's crew on board *New Zealand Endeavour* after their close-run finish on Saturday. Dickson admitted that after racing so intensely without sleep for 48 hours, he had said "a few unwise things in the heat of the moment".

Results, page 40

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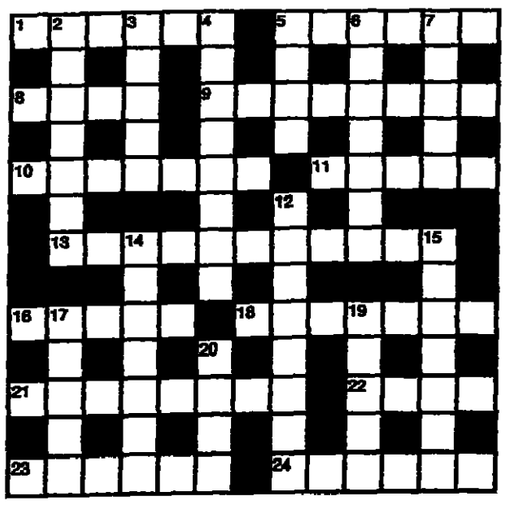
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5 ... film with soundtrack (6)
8 Group cooperating (4)
9 Theatre patron (8)
10 Stiff hair: display anger (7)
11 Nationalist movement in Syria, Iraq (5)
13 Cereal crop planted in autumn (6,5)
16 (Criminal's) crowbar (5)
18 Limp and flabby (7)
21 Goading (8)
22 Departure (4)
23 Needle once for pens, LPs (6)
24 Side of the head; place of worship (6)

DOWN

2 Arc of hair; may be quizzically raised (7)
3 Arms and legs (5)
4 Wholesaler (8)
5 E Indies hardwood (4)
6 Impediments (7)
7 Chemically non-reactive (5)
12 Gloaming (8)
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15 Obvious, unimportant (7)
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20 Sound of angry cat (4)

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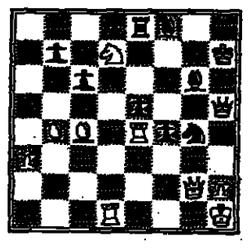
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By Raymond Keene

Today's position is taken from the game between Sherbakov - Arakhamia, at the Hastings Premier tournament 1993. Black is a rook down, but can recapture some material with 1 ... Bxe4. Is this the best move?



Solution, page 40

By Philip Howard

TARTINE
a. A teenage prostitute
b. A small fishing-boat
c. A piece

TROKER
a. A conman
b. A garden tool
c. An unfinished verse

CAVEACH
a. A pickled mackerel
b. A general warning
c. A small inlet

CORKIR
a. An Irish folk dance
b. A blackcurrant drink
c. A red dye

Answers on page 40

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